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⁶*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.*

⁷*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.*

⁸*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

⁹*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

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Believers Are Salt and Light

¹³*"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?" ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

¹⁶*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

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¹⁷*"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.*

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Marriage Is Sacred and Binding

³¹*"Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'* ³²*But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.*

Jesus Forbids Oaths

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Go the Second Mile

³⁸*"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'* ³⁹*But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.*

Love Your Enemies

⁴³*"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'* ⁴⁴*But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,*

⁴⁸*Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

Small Group or Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Why do you think it has been given the title "Sermon on the Mount"? (Matthew 5:1)
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3. What does it mean to be the "*salt of the earth and the light of the world?*" How do you express salt and light in you life?
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