### Lesson 20: Your Inner Character

Scripture Memory – 2 Peter 1:5-7

## Scripture Verse

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

2 Peter 1:5-7

# Target Truths

- God is most interested in what we are like on the inside. Therefore, we should focus on the importance of our inner character more than outward appearances.
- The Beatitudes are Christ-like attitudes that should be a part of our lives.

## Vocabulary

- Character: the qualities a person has on the inside; the inner person
- Internal: on the inside; inner character
- External: on the outside; physical
- Conform: to be or become like someone or something else.
- Image: the likeness of person or thing
- Beatitude: a statement concerning perfect blessedness or happiness
- Poor in Spirit: being emptied of selfish desires and filled with Christ's desires
- Mourn: feel deep sorrow for something

# Vocabulary

- Meek: humble and patient
- Hunger and thirst after righteousness: a great desire to become more godly
- Merciful: withholding harm from someone who is guilty of an offense
- Persecute: to cause injury or harm to another for what they believe

### Character Trait

<u>Thankfulness:</u> Showing gratitude or appreciation to God for all He has done for me.

Antonym: Taking for granted what God has done for us.

#### Internal Character Development

God wants us to be

Matthew 5:7 -Merciful James 4:10 -Humble **Revelation 2:10** -Faithful Matthew 5:8 -Pure in Heart 1 Thessalonian 5:14-Patient 1 Timothy 6:8 -Content 1 River 1:14 -Obedient Ephesians 5:15 -Wise Matthew 5:9 -Peacemakers

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#### The Beatitudes

Christ Like Attitude	Matthew	Promise
Poor in Spirit	5:3	Kingdom of heaven
Mourn	5:4	Be comforted
Meek	5:5	Inherit the earth
Hunger and thirst for righteousness	5:6	Be filled
Merciful	5:7	Be shown mercy
Pure in heart	5:8	See God
Peacemaker	5:9	Be called sons of God
Persecuted because of righteousness	5:10	Kingdom of heaven

#### Lesson Review

Use nearpod to review lesson's inner character traits

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