

Happy are the Sorrowful

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*
– Matthew 5:4 –

“Blessed are those who mourn; for they will be comforted.”

1. Thinking it Through

** Two kinds of sorrow*

2. Feeling its Weight

** Covenantal Relationship (Hosea)*

3. Applying its Paradox

** Sorrow and comfort are never far apart from each other*

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. How does being poor in spirit lead to mourning? How does this beatitude (vs. 4) build on the one we studied last week?
3. Compare vs. 4 with Psalm 51. Why is ‘*mourning*’ such an important attribute to Jesus?
4. If you take a hard look at your own life, are you celebrating your sin, explaining it away, or mourning it? What are some different reasons people respond in each of these three ways?
5. What is a proper balance between mourning our sin and living in God’s forgiveness?
6. What are some ways God brings comfort to those who mourn?
7. How strong is your habit of confession in your quiet time? How can we strengthen this area without becoming overly introspective or morbid with regard to our sin?
8. Being open about your own sin and struggles with others can open a door for them to see the gospel at work in our life. Have you ever done something like this? What was it like?

