

EXPECTATIONS

1. BRING YOUR BIBLE
2. ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AHEAD OF TIME
3. CONFIDENTIALITY IS ESSENTIAL
4. MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP A PRIORITY

***BLESSED**-THE WORD BLESSED IN THE GREEK MEANS GODLIKE JOY.

***MOURN**-DESCRIBES SOMEONE CRYING OUT FROM THE DEEPEST PART OF THEIR HEART.

*More Scriptures on mourning

ISAIAH 61:1-2-THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS ON ME, BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM FREEDOM FOR THE CAPTIVES AND RELEASE FROM DARKNESS FOR THE PRISONERS, TO PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF THE LORDS FAVOR AND THE DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD, TO COMFORT ALL WHO MOURN.

ROMANS 12:15 REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE; MOURN WITH THOSE WHO MOURN.

JOB 5:11 THE LOWLY HE SETS ON HIGH, AND THOSE WHO MOURN ARE LIFTED TO SAFETY.

NOTES: _____



Community Group Questions Sunday December 4th

THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM- BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

1. Discuss the significance of Advent. Does your family do anything special to prepare for the arrival of Jesus? What would you like to make a family tradition during the season of Advent?

Read- Matthew 5:4

2. Discuss the different comforts in life that you really enjoy. *{Make it all about you for a moment.}*
3. It seems very backwards that comfort comes from mourning and that suffering actually makes us stronger. How does the world's definition of comfort differ from Christ's definition?

Read-2Corinthians 1:3-4, Ecclesiastes 7:4

4. Do you think that we know how to mourn for others or is it something that must be practiced? Have you been guilty of looking away from the problems in the world because they seem to big for you to deal with?
5. Discuss the following statement-*When we are willing to mourn/suffer for others our relationship with Jesus and others will reach a whole new level of intimacy.*
6. What can **you** commit **to do** in order to end some suffering in this world?

Prayer - Take some time crying out for those in need.