

# \* LESSON 1

HOW TO BE HUMAN

## DEVELOPING CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER

BIBLICAL PASSAGE: Matthew 5:1-10

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

TABLE TALK QUESTION: Is it necessary for my life to consistently demonstrate the character of Christ?

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1. Followers of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the depth of their \_\_\_\_\_ needs (Matt. 5:1-5).
2. Followers of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to satisfy their need for \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5:6).
3. Followers of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives (Matt. 5:7-10).

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## SMALL-GROUP DISCUSSIONS

- Can there be outward signs that a person recognizes and mourns over his or her sinful nature? If so, what are they?
- What is the difference between meekness and weakness? Is it possible to remain meek yet strongly committed to Christ?
- What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- What are some ways that believers can show mercy to others who have failed to live up to Christ's standards?
- How can we maintain peace with other people without compromising our faith?
- What are some ways that people suffer persecution for their faith in our community?

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## FREE THOUGHT

"The Beatitudes seem merely mild and beautiful precepts for unworldly people and of very little use for the stern world in which we live. We soon find, however, that they contain the dynamite of the Holy Spirit; they explode like spiritual mines, when the circumstances of our lives require them to do so, and rip and tear and revolutionize all our conceptions." -Oswald Chambers