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## Beatitudes: THE WAY OF JUSTICE

**Matthew 5:3-11:** Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

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

**Isaiah 40:4:** Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

### First instinct- Passive Indifference

**Isaiah 58:6-7:** Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

### Reality- Invited to be agents of Justice

**Micah 6:8:** He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

**James 1:27:** Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

### New Posture:

- Increase proximity to injustice

**John 1:14:** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

- Imagine the world as it could be

I want to live in a world where \_\_\_\_\_.

- Step into Action

One thing I can do is \_\_\_\_\_.