

3/31/19 | Red Letters: Blessed Life



"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." —Matthew 7:12 | NIV

1. How do you respond to the Lord's blessings?
2. What do you think about the statement made in the sermon, that "the blessings of God are a test"? Would you agree? Why or why not?
3. What stood out to you this week from your reading of the Sermon on the Mount?
4. What stood out from Sunday's sermon?
5. *Hyperbole* is defined as: exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally. Jesus uses *hyperbole* when he makes an extremely strong point in order to make a good point. Jesus clearly uses *hyperbole* repeatedly in the Sermon on the Mount. Where in Scripture are other examples in Jesus' teaching where he uses hyperbole?
6. Compare how these Bible characters responded to the Lord's blessings and then answer the questions below:
Moses and Miriam—Exodus 15:1-8, 21

Deborah and Barak—Judges 5:1-3

David—2 Samuel 6:12-22

Mary—Luke 1:39-56.

How were their responses similar?

How were they different?

7. What can you learn about responding to the Lord's blessings?
8. Why do you think it is important to be humble before, in the midst of, and after experiencing God's favor or blessing?
9. How does the way you treat those who serve you reflect your heart?
10. Jesus says, "in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." What does that look like for you on a daily, *moment by moment* basis?

TAKEAWAY: How can I better handle God's blessings? (Be specific in your response)