

We're better together

FIRST ORLANDO GROUPS

02-08-26

Pastor Trey Hildebrant

Week 2

Divided

MAIN TEXT:

Matthew 5-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Belong: (Ice Breaker): Do you plan on watching the Super Bowl? What is your favorite Game Day Snack? What is your favorite Super Bowl Commercial?

Believe:

Leader's Note: In this new series called "Divided" we are going to spend two weeks learning from the words of Jesus on how to handle division. Today our theme is "What do I do when I don't like someone?" Our hope during this series is that God guides us to becoming the HEALTHIER people with HEALTHIER relationship.

The Beatitudes. *The word "beatitude" refers to the one of the early translations of the word "Blessed" which is used here repeatedly. Another good translation for the word blessed here is "happy." So, everywhere we see the word blessed, we could read it as "happy". These statements are Jesus first guidance on the what the Kingdom of Heaven would look like on earth.*

Read Matthew 5:3-12

- **As you may recall,** we read over this passage last week. What stands out to you in this verse this week?

Focus on Matthew 5:8

- What do you think it means to be pure in heart? Does it mean being "perfect?" Why or why not? Can you think of an example in Scripture of someone who was "pure in heart?"

Leader's Note: "Pure in heart means at our core we want what God wants" Pastor Trey

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Believe:

- What does it mean to see God? Do you find this difficult? Why or why not?

Leader's Note: "Seeing God means God is guiding us in our everyday lives as we align our hearts to Him and want what he wants (meaning we desire Him and what He wants for our lives.) - Pastor Trey

- Do you find it difficult to see God's guidance in your life? What helps you see God? What hinders you from seeing God?

Read Matthew 5:21-22

- According to Jesus, why does it matter so much what is in your heart?

"Our heart – our motivations, feelings, thought-life, and even the hidden moments REVEAL WHO we are and who we are becoming." Pastor Trey

- Can you change the way you feel about someone or something? What is the key—especially when we do a heart check and realize we have anger or unforgiveness in our heart? Do you have a story of a time when you prayed and God, through the power of His Holy Spirit changed how you felt about someone?

Read: Matthew 5:9

- How would you describe a peacemaker? What does God promise the peacemaker? Why do you think this is the promise He gives to a person who is spiritually calm and a maintainer of peace?

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Become:

- With Matthew 5:9 in mind read this statement: . *“Draw a circle around yourself. Remember the only person you can control is inside that circle.”* - Pastor Trey.
- What does this make you think of? Is harder or easier for you to control who is inside the circle or others outside the circle?
- How can you be more peaceful? Forgiving? Kind to others? What would it look on a daily basis to work on your own issues instead of trying to “correct” or “fix” others outside that circle?
- Read Matthew 5:8-9 again. If we put these two verses together, how can they help us overcome division?

Closing:

- Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 as a closing passage before you pray as a group.
- Take some time in quiet prayer to think about living a life that is marked by wanting what God wants and being a peacemaker.
- As a leader - offer to pray for the group

Leader's Note: Be sure to invite your group to participate in Football Family Fun Day by visiting the photo booths, enjoying a hot dog after the service in the courtyard, and taking a picture of your group!