Women's Bible Study 2006/07

I. Pray: ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word

2. Think: the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word

3. Begin: using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Five: Matthew 5:1–12 October 11, 2006

- I. What is the setting of Jesus' teaching here and who is He addressing?
- 2. a) What do you **think** "poor in spirit" means?
 - b) What is the condition of your spirit and how do you feel about that condition?
- 3. a) What do you **think** "those who mourn" means?
 - b) What has caused or causes you to mourn?
- 4. a) What do you <u>think</u> "meek" means?
 - b) Give an example of when you've been meek.
- 5. a) What do you **think** "hunger and thirst for righteousness" means?

- b) Describe what it would look like for you to be someone who is hungry and thirsty for righteousness.
- 6. a) What do you **<u>think</u>** it means to be "merciful"?
 - b) How would you rate your mercy on a scale of 1–10 (10 being the most merciful) and describe why you're at this level?
- 7. a) What do you **think** "pure of heart" means?
 - b) Describe in detail the purity of your heart.
- 8. a) What do you **think** "peacemaker" means?
 - b) Tell of a time you've been a peacemaker.
 - c) Where in your life are you refusing to be a "peacemaker"?
- 9. a) What do you **think** "persecuted because of righteousness" means?

- b) Name a time you were persecuted because of righteousness.
- c) According to verse 12, what should our attitude be about persecution?

Going Deeper:

10. There's a reward for each beatitude. List them all and then choose one and describe what it means to you.

II. a) What do you <u>think</u> "blessed" means?

b) State what you're willing to change to know blessing.