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Scripture reference: Matthew 5:1-12

MUSINGS:

In our culture, we often talk about being blessed. Our definition of being blessed often refers to earthly comforts, desired outcomes, success, etc. When Jesus sat to teach, his definition of being blessed was quite different. He understood being blessed as God looking favorably on someone.

Read the passage once, then re-read it while inserting "God looks favorably on..." for "Blessed are". See if it enlightens your understanding of Jesus' teachings.

CONSIDER:

- Look where you are blessed, where God looks favorably on your life.
- Look at others, how they are blessed, how God looks favorably on them?

ACTIVITY:

What are ways you can share your "blessedness" with others? Write them down so you can be mindful of them. Envision yourself being an "agent" of God's favor on others. What does that look like?

You are a blessed child of God; go share God's blessing with those around you.

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