




**2. Transforming the World**


Key Text: Mt 5:1-16

**1. Becoming Disciples**

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**Mt 5:1-16**



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**A Socio-Spiritual Reading**

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**Blessed are you...**  
**Mt 5:1-2**

**What is being 'Blessed'?**

*Ashrei*



**Ashrei**  
The sight of the star  
filled them with **delight**... Mt 2:10



O Lord,  
you are  
our  
Father.  
We are  
the clay,  
you are  
the potter;  
we are  
all the  
work of

**Blessed are the poor in spirit...** Mt 5:3  
*Isaiah 64:8*


**Blessed are those who mourn...** Mt 5:4

Where have You hidden Yourself,  
And abandoned me in my groaning, O my Beloved?  
You have fled like the hart,  
Having wounded me.  
I ran after You, crying; but You were gone

O shepherds, you who go  
Through the sheepcots up the hill,  
If you shall see Him Whom I love the most, Tell Him I  
languish, suffer, and die.

St John of the Cross, 1577

**Blessed are the meek...** Mt 5:5



Worship the  
Lord, your God.  
And serve only  
him

If you will bow  
down and  
worship me...  
Mt 4:9



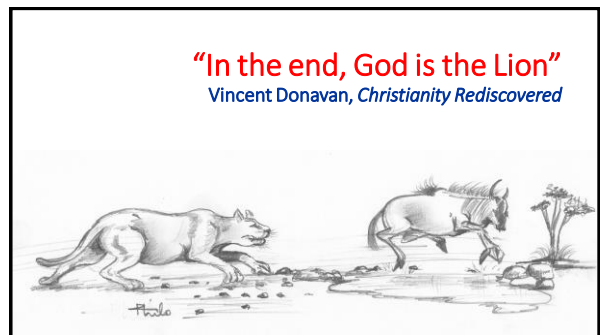
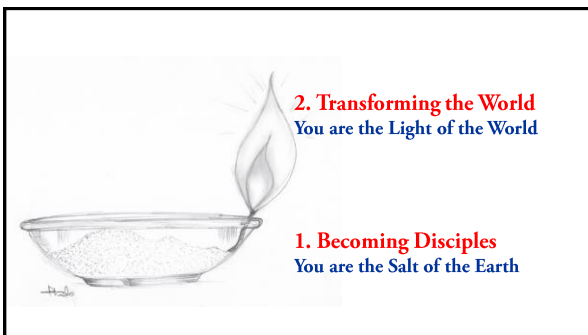
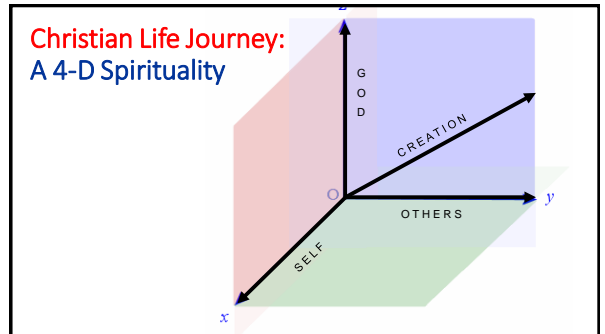
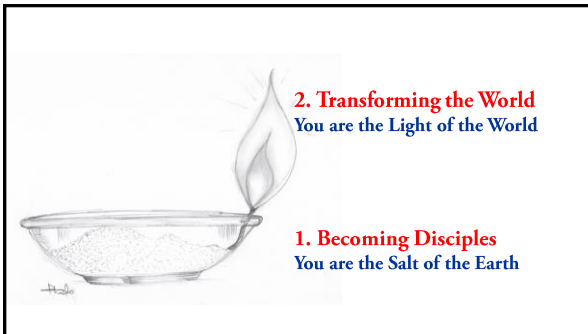
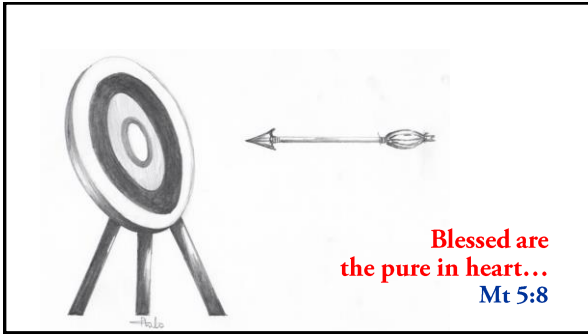
**Righteousness** Mt 5:6

**Social Perspective**

**Blessed are the merciful...**  
Mt 5:7

**Blessed are the peacemakers..**  
Mt 5:9





### Questions for Reflection

1. What do terms such as “blessed” and “happiness”, evoke in you personally?
2. What are the challenges that you face living the values of the Beatitudes?
3. How can a Christian community be salt of the earth and light of the world in the contemporary world?