

#2 – Those Who Mourn  
Matthew 5:4  
Pastor Shawn Peterson  
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What does it mean to mourn?

Why are you mourning?

What comfort is offered?

What's your reaction to that invitation?

-A Fearful Person

-A Self-Righteous Person

-A Wallowing Person

-An Emotionally and Spiritually Mature Person

## Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of January 19, 2020

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in the Word, growing in relationships, and encouraging one another to live for the legacy of Jesus.

### CONNECT

1. Describe a time when you were more upset about personal consequences (getting caught) than actually doing something wrong.
2. **Pray:** Father reveal our sin and lead us to Your cleansing, comfort, and restoration.

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Reflect on this week's sermon. Was anything particularly impactful for you?
2. What is the difference between mourning your sin and mourning the consequences?
3. Read Psalm 51. David wrote this following his affair with Bathsheba. What do we see in David's heart that models the mourning according to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?
4. David's process of mourning sin had four steps found in Psalm 51. Look at these verses to identify the steps.
  - A. Psalm 51 title/introduction
  - B. Psalm 51:3-6
  - C. Psalm 51:7-12
  - D. Psalm 51:15-17
  - E. When have you experienced or seen this type of mourning over sin?
5. What kinds of comfort does the Holy Spirit offer when we mourn our sin? See David's example in Psalm 51:7-8, 12 amongst others.
6. Read Matthew 5:4. Shawn listed four reactions to God's invitation to comfort. Which do you relate to most?
7. How has experiencing the comfort of God helped you to comfort others?
8. Do you regularly ask God to reveal unknown sin in your life? What fruit has come from that?
  - a. In your time with the Lord this week, invite the Holy Spirit to reveal sins you still need to walk through this process.

## P2 (Prayer & Praise)

1. God, we praise you as the Great Comforter.
2. God, thank you for restoration.
3. God, help us to mourn sin.
4. Group prayer requests. (Pray for previous meeting requests and list new ones below).