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1. What is the importance of Jesus' teaching that Heaven is now and the kingdom is here?
2. What would be your one-line summation of the Beatitudes?
3. If the Beatitudes work like a GPS from where to meet God, where does that GPS lead you?
4. Have there been times in your life when God was closer than you thought?
5. Do the Beatitudes help you see Heaven in a new way?

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Pneuma Divina Scripture: Matthew 5:11

11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

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