Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study. Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.
1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(Matthew 5:1) Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

(Matthew 5:2) and he began to teach them. He said:

(Matthew 5:3) “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 5:4) Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

(Matthew 5:5) Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

(Matthew 5:6) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

(Matthew 5:7) Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

(Matthew 5:8) Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

(Matthew 5:9) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

(Matthew 5:10) Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 5:11) “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

(Matthew 5:12) Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?