

# **You Can Come!**

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Matthew 5:3-12

## **Reading the Beatitudes**

### **A List of Admirable Qualities**

Most common way – But really hard to figure out

### **An Invitation to Those Often Overlooked**

## **You Are Invited**

### **Who Can Come?**

Poor – Nothing going for them

Those who mourn – In painful situations

Meek – Those who can't retaliate

Hunger for righteousness – Unmet longings

Merciful – Easy to take advantage of

Pure in heart – Never perfect enough

Peacemakers – Caught in the middle

Persecuted – Suffering unfairly

## **Invited to What?**

### **Kingdom of God**

Announcing – Something is happening

Starting Now – Culminating Later

Jesus – The right king has come

Reign – Where what God wants happens

God – Interactive relationship with God

Alternate Society – Things work differently

## **Wanting to Come**

Luke's Version – Luke 6:20-26

A Warning – Important for folks like us

I don't think it means: They are not invited

In this reading: They won't want to come

An "alternate society" doesn't appeal to those at home in this one.