

Date: August 13, 2017

Sermon Title: Good Mourning

Speaker: Richard Smith

Scripture text(s): Matthew 5: 4

- 1) Richard pointed out that realization of our spiritual poverty leads to mourning over it. How have you seen this evidenced in your life?
- 2) Richard said that we rush too quickly through mourning in order to get to the comfort. Discuss how you've seen this in yourself and others. How does this affect us in the present and then later?
- 3) Do you mourn over you sin?
- 4) Richard gave 4 responses to our sin that are common among believers: (1) ignore your sin (a wrong response) (2) you can admit your sin and clean yourself up (a wrong response) (3) you can admit your sin and say there's no hope (a wrong response) (4) you can mourn over your sin and receive Jesus' forgiveness (a right response). Which of these responses do you find yourself dealing with the most? What do you need to do to get to the right response?
- 5) Discuss how our choices on Earth affect our experience in heaven. What will you choose?