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“The Beatitudes: Seeing the World Like Jesus”

Matthew 5:1-12

“Discipleship begins by learning how to perceive the world differently.”

-John Swinton

Big Idea: The Beatitudes are not simply a list of behaviors to copy. They are an invitation to see ourselves and our world through the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed (Makarios) - A *makarios* statement is a pronouncement, based on observation, that a certain way of being in the world produces human flourishing and happiness.

A Kingdom of Heaven Worldview

Matthew 5:1–5 The posture is dependence.

We flourish when we are dependent, because our God is perfectly dependable.

Matthew 5:6–9 The practice is love.

We flourish when we love, because we align ourselves with God’s own action in the world.

Matthew 5:10–12 The path is faithfulness under pressure.

We flourish when we remain faithful because worldly persecution—even death—cannot take away the kingdom of heaven.

A Beatitude-shaped life is first and foremost a **Jesus-shaped life**.

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

— Matthew 28:20

Deep Dive Questions:

Where might your definition of a “flourishing life” be shaped more by the world around you than by Jesus?

Dependence: Reflect on the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector from Luke 18. Where in your life are you tempted to rely on your own strength, status, or resources rather than depending on God? Who is your version of “the tax collector”?

Love: Where might God be inviting you to pursue what is right, extend mercy, or make peace in a tangible way?

Faithfulness: “Sometimes a kingdom-shaped worldview will create conflict not because it’s combative, but because it refuses to cooperate with things that maintain a false peace at the expense of true peace.” Have you experienced this in your own journey? What does faithfulness look like in these times?