

Beatitudes Week 8 – Connection Group Questions

Open:

1. Have you ever gone to cheer for your team when they were playing on the road? What was that like? How were you treated by the home team fans?

Dig:

Read Matthew 4:23-5:2

2. What is the connection between 4:23-25 and 5:1-2?

Read Matthew 5:3-10

3. How do the eight qualities that describe Kingdom people relate to the promises that follow them?
4. How do the qualities relate to and build upon each other?
5. Is Jesus describing who his followers are? Or prescribing what they must do and become? Why do you think so?
6. How do these Beatitudes describe the nature of the Kingdom?

Reflect:

7. Brad shared this morning about the final Beatitude, *Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness*. Have you ever felt persecuted or isolated because of your faith in Jesus? How did it make you feel? How did you handle that situation?
8. Of these eight qualities, which two do you desire most in your life?

Prayer:

Close in prayer praying for the spiritual walk of each of your small group members, and for God's Spirit to continue developing these Kingdom qualities in our lives.