

## THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM OF GOD

### Small Group Questions:

- Tell us about you. Name? Family? What generally fills your time?
- How were your holidays? Share a high or a low.
- Jesus is teaching about the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven--and it's an upside-down Kingdom. How does understanding the context of the sermon and its original audience shape our reading of the Sermon on the Mount?
- Flip through Matthew 5-7. What topics from Jesus' teaching might challenge you the most?
- Pray and ask God to show you clearly what it looks like to be a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven through our study this semester.

### Preparing for next week:

Read Matthew 5:1-12 several times this week.

As you read consider these questions:

- Anything confusing or surprising to you about the passage?
- Jesus is teaching about the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven--and it's an upside-down Kingdom. In what ways is this week's reading at odds with what his listeners might have expected? How is it counter-cultural?