

## THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM OF GOD

Matthew 5:1-12

Week One

Big Idea:

Kingdom people reflect the heart of their King.

Kingdom people reflect the humility of their King.

Kingdom people reflect the justice of their King.

Kingdom people reflect the peace of their King.

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### Small Group Questions:

- What stood out to you from the lecture?
- What were your key takeaways/questions from the assignment?
- The concept of the upside-down kingdom challenges our thinking. Why is this often difficult to grasp?
- If Jesus were preaching today on a mountainside, who might be in the crowd as the powerless and unimportant?
- Jesus is describing characteristics of those who are in the Kingdom of Heaven. Do you think the Church today does a good job of looking like Kingdom people? Explain.
- “Kingdom people reflect the heart of the King.” Getting personal...As you look back over the beatitudes, where does your heart struggle to reflect the heart of King Jesus?

### Preparing for next week:

Read Matthew 5:13-16 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?