



LET'S GO DEEPER

Upside-down Theology

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Jeff Campbell challenged us on Sunday with a look at Jesus' "manifesto," the Sermon on the Mount:

1. List 3 or 4 "Beatitudes" from your workplace or school environment. What are the wrong ways that people define blessing there? In what ways do those wrong ideas about blessing impact you?
2. In the REAL Beatitudes, Jesus *teaches* about the upside-down kingdom. What are a few examples in the gospels where Jesus *demonstrates* upside down kingdom living in real time? How did people react to him?
3. Can you think of an example of a time in your life when the beatitudes of man were in conflict with the beatitudes of Jesus' kingdom? What was it like to live in that tension? What kind of choices did you make? Which kingdom did you submit to?
4. The bottom line to Jesus message in Mat 5:1-12 is that you have access to this upside-down kingdom. The kingdom (and the King) are available to you today. Take a few minutes to customize your own personal list of beatitudes. Example: Blessed are you when your plans are interrupted because of Covid restrictions, because...

FAMILY CHAT

Let's be honest, it is so hard to not put myself (my interests, my desires, my reputation) first. So often it just feels like if I don't take care of myself, who will. Jesus wants his presence, especially in the hard parts of our lives, to reorient our experience. What are some ways that you can share the ups and downs of your life this week with Jesus...not so that he can make everything better, but that you can know him more deeply?

