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Read Matthew 5:1-12 Together

In the beatitudes, Jesus describes the sort of people who his Kingdom has come for. He lays out a set of characteristics that often struggle to find their place both in ancient and modern society, and tells them that they will be blessed because of their importance to God.

Discussion Questions

1. Do the attributes of the people in the beatitudes tell us anything about Jesus' audience and the focus of the church through history?
2. Have you identified with any of these attributes now or at another point in your life?
3. How might the beatitudes subvert the expectations of what God's kingdom would look like for Jewish people and those living in the Roman Empire at the time?