

Values Lived Out

Scripture: Matthew 5:7-12

Sermon Points:

1. Living out Kingdom values leads to <u>transformation</u>. (vs. 7-9)

2. Living out Kingdom values leads to <u>reward</u>. (vs. 10-12)

Group Opener:

Read Matthews 5:1-12 As you read over the beatitudes what stands out to you?

Discussion Questions:

- Verse 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
 Who do you think is the most merciful person in our small group & why?
- 2. Verse 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

 Does it make sense to you that God cares about what's going on in the heart as much, if not more, than our actions?
- 3. Verse 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 Is "peace making" something that comes naturally to you? Why or why not?
- 4. Have you ever experienced persecution for being a follower of Jesus? Share what happened and the result.
- 5. Look back over the beatitudes. Which one do you think God is leading you to grow in? How would you live this out?