Series: Upside-Down Kingdom
Passage: Matthew 5-7
Sunday: April 7, 2024

****This week we kick off our Sermon on the Mount Series called "Upside-Down Kingdom". This is the greatest sermon ever given! Therefore, this series will be focused the teachings from Jesus contained in the Sermon on the Mount.****

Matthew 5-7

The first sermon of this series will be an introduction to the whole series. Please take time to read through all of chapters 5-7 in Matthew.

1. What is the best sermon (other than Jesus' sermon) you have ever heard? What made it memorable? Why did it impact you?

2. What is a one sentence summary of Jesus' sermon on the mount? Was Jesus' message in this sermon new? Why or why not?

3. List different examples of how Jesus' teachings are different from the world's expectations.

4. The Sermon on the Mount can be divided up into five sections (see below). As you read each section, come up with a title that can describe each section.

    a. Matthew 5:1-16 –
    b. Matthew 5:17-48 –
    c. Matthew 6:1-18 –
    d. Matthew 6:19-7:12 –
    e. Matthew 7:13-27 –

5. It may be tempting to view Jesus' sermon as simply a code of morals and ethics for behavior. What hints or examples can you find that Jesus' teaching is really about our hearts first and our behavior second?

6. In your life, what are the most challenging teachings of Jesus in this sermon?

7. What areas in your life do you most want God to develop as we work through this series?