

Principles of the Kingdom ~ 1Leader's Notes

Give the worksheets out to your group before you begin. Below are the answers to the blanks and discussion questions.

Matthew 4:17 'Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is near'

Matthew 4:23 'Preaching the Good News of the Kingdom'

KINGDOM CHARACTER

Matthew 5:1-12

**Discuss**

What do you think the word 'blessed' means?

The word 'blessed' literally means 'happy'. It is not just an outward happiness that depends on what happens to you and what you have; rather it means to be spiritually prosperous with life, joy and peace. It is a person who has a deep inner contentment.

Look at each quality described in these verses and compare them to the qualities we see in the world.

Verse	Quality in the world	Quality in the Kingdom of God
Verse 3	Proud, self-sufficient, a person who says, 'I can do it myself'.	'Poor in spirit'
Verse 4	A person who hardens his heart. Unwilling to admit his sin.	'Those who mourn'
Verse 5	Resentful towards God for things that happen. Blames God for his problems.	'Meek'
Verse 6	Satisfied with the way they are. Enjoys the things of the world.	'Hunger and thirst for righteousness'
Verse 7	Hardens his or her heart towards others in need.	'Merciful'
Verse 8	Has a mind filled with uncleanness.	'Pure in heart'
Verse 9	Gossips, criticizes, argues and destroys the peace.	'Peacemakers'
Verse 10	An unrighteous person. Hates to see someone who is honest and clean. Often the one who instigates persecution.	'Persecuted for righteousness sake'

**Discuss**

Which one of these qualities do you want God to work in your life? Share and pray together.

Last blank: Blessed