**The King and His Kingdom: Blessed Are…**

**“The history of the impact of the Sermon on the mount can largely be described in terms of an attempt to domesticate everything in it that is shocking, demanding, and uncompromising, and render it harmless.” Pinchas Lapide**

Matthew 5:1-12

**The Proclamation of the Kingdom**

Matthew 4:23

**The image of Moses**

Exodus 19-20

**Understanding Blessed**

**Three Groups of the Beatitudes**

1. **Humility of the Poor**
2. **Those who Pursue Justice**
3. **Those who Create Peace**

**Take Aways:**

1. **The beatitudes are not a meritorious list by which salvation is earned they are a proclamation of inclusion into the Kingdom.**

Isaiah 61:1

1. **The beatitudes are formed from a transformational experience with God and allowing him to continue to shape our lives.**

**Got Questions? Text 519–893-2951 or email shayne@pathwaycc.ca**

1. Take a few minutes to share around the group about your week.
2. Have you thought much about the beatitudes in the past? How have you understood them? How have they challenged or encouraged you?
3. Take time to review Sunday’s teaching. What was something that stood out to you? Something that was new to you?
4. Read Matthew 20:20-28 together a couple of times. Look at the passage in a few different translations.
5. What differences did you see in the translations? Do you have any interesting study notes in your bible?
6. What part of this passage stood out to you? Why?
7. What parts did you have a hard time with and why?
8. From this passage why is it so important to study and read the scriptures?
9. Jesus’ kingdom is a very different kind of kingdom. Thinking about the beatitudes and this passage what differences do you notice between Jesus’ kingdom values and the values of our world?
10. How can you apply what we have been talking about to your life this week?
11. Spend some time praying for one another as we follow Jesus this week.