

# — **UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM** | *THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT*

## **WEEK 1- THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM**

**LUKE 6:20-26**

1. JESUS CAME TO BUILD A NEW KINGDOM
2. THE OLD KINGDOM IS THE RIGHT-SIDE UP KINGDOM
3. JESUS' KINGDOM IS THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week we started a new series through the Sermon on the Mount where we will be looking at what it means to follow Jesus. What would your answer be if someone asked you, "what does it mean to follow Jesus?"
3. Often, people will reject a version of Christianity that is not real Christianity or they'll reject a version of Jesus that is not the real Jesus. What are some of the different reasons you have heard for people rejecting the idea of Christianity? Who do you think Jesus really is? Why do you think that?
4. No matter who you are it can be so easy to live based on what the old kingdom values. Which of the old kingdom values of power, comfort, success and recognition is most alluring to you? How does that affect the way you live?
5. Jesus' kingdom is the upside-down kingdom. It values weakness, sacrifice, grief and exclusion (Luke 6:20-23). This means that instead of being undone by these difficulties, we see their value and we see that God can use them to work powerfully in our lives. Do you have any examples of when God has used a difficult time of weakness, sacrifice, grief or exclusion to work in your life?
6. The story of Enron is heartbreaking when you think of all the people who were left with absolutely nothing after the company collapsed. What are some parallels you see between the story of Enron and what happens when we live focusing only on this life?
7. There are only two kingdoms. The old kingdom that operates by the patterns of this world or Jesus' kingdom that is completely upside-down in relation to the world's patterns. Which one are you a citizen of? How do you know?
8. What are some ways your life might change if you began to live more in line with the values of Jesus' upside-down kingdom starting today?
9. This week, we are starting something new called "Share your story" where people can send in short videos talking about how God is currently working in their life. These videos will be used in a new segment of our Sunday morning services for the purpose of encouraging one another with all that God is doing and showing people that God can reach people just like them. If you are interested you can send your video to: [mystory@severn.cc](mailto:mystory@severn.cc). We only request that you end the video with "My name is (your name here) and I've been transformed by Jesus."