

KINGDOM BLESSEDNESS
Matthew 5:1-10 // February 12, 2023 PM

I. Kingdom citizens *flourish by grace.*

II. Kingdom citizens flourish by grace as *they follow their King.*

III. Kingdom citizens flourish by grace as they follow their King *with future glory in sight.*

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Where does the world tell us that happiness and fulfillment are found? How does it describe the good life?
2. The first word out of Jesus's mouth is "Blessed." What does it mean? Is it primarily an objective reality or a subjective reality?
3. What are the eight characteristics Jesus describes the citizens of His kingdom by. Can you explain what they mean? Can you explain how Jesus perfectly exemplifies them?
4. How does the world's idea of a blessed person differ from that of Jesus?
5. Do true disciples possess the kingdom now or are they awaiting possession of the kingdom? How do the Beatitudes show us that both are simultaneously true? Why is this important to understand?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How would I describe true blessedness to an unbeliever? How would I contrast it to what the world calls blessedness?
2. Where do I look for blessedness? Do I follow the paradigm of the kingdom of this world or the kingdom of heaven?
3. Does my life bear the marks of a kingdom citizen set forth in the Beatitudes? Can I genuinely say that these royal pronouncements are for me?