

**Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017 – Jesus Said...**

**The Least Expected (Part 1)**

**Matthew 5:1-6, page 809**

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The opening of the Sermon on the Mount is the address known as The Beatitudes. These eight proclamations from Jesus help us understand that the Kingdom of Heaven is just as present and powerful here and now as it was there and then. The first four beatitudes remind us that the kingdom comes to the least expected.

- A. The Kingdom comes to the \_\_\_\_\_ inept.
- B. The Kingdom comes to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The Kingdom comes to those without a \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. The Kingdom comes to those who want \_\_\_\_\_.

For Reflection:

- ❑ What was the original setting for the Beatitudes?
- ❑ Who were the original audience members?
- ❑ What Beatitude is the most powerful to you?
- ❑ What Beatitude is the most troubling to you?
- ❑ What was Jesus trying to get across with the first four Beatitudes?