

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017
Jesus Said...
The Least Expected (Part 2)
Matthew 5:7-12
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The very start of the Sermon on the Mount is the section known as the Beatitudes. These eight proclamations from Jesus help us understand that the Kingdom is just as present and powerful here and now as it was there and then. While the first four Beatitudes tell us that the Kingdom comes TO the least expected, the other four Beatitudes show us that the Kingdom comes THROUGH the least expected.

The Kingdom comes THROUGH the least expected ...

- ... when people _____.
- ... when people _____.
- ... when people _____.
- ... when people _____.

For Reflection:

What was the setting and context of the Beatitudes?

Who do you think Jesus was referring to in the Beatitudes?

What do you suppose was the intention of the Beatitudes?

Which Beatitude is the most troubling to you?

What was Jesus trying to teach in the last four Beatitudes?