

## Summer Term 2025 Kingdom Living

Week 1: **The Beatitudes**a manifesto for kingdom living (part 1)

Matthew 5:1-12



Why do we exist?

What do we do?

How do we behave?

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Why do we exist?

For the heavenly transformation of people and culture in Bristol



## What do we do?

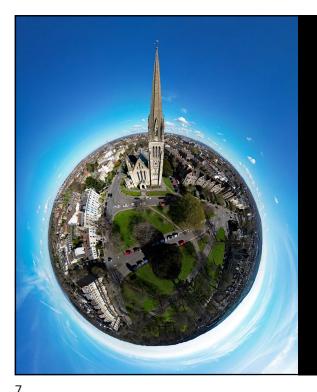
We help people find Jesus and follow him wholeheartedly

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## How do we behave?

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13 'You are the salt of the earth ... 14 'You are the light of the world ... 38 'You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also ... 43 'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour and hate your enemy." 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5

<sup>14</sup> For as long as we can remember, Jews and Gentiles have been at each other's throats, divided by a wall of hatred. Jesus has put an end to this, at great cost. <sup>15</sup> As nails pierced his body he shattered that ancient wall with its graffiti of rules and regulations. His body was broken so that we might be mended. <sup>16</sup> As he died, so did the war between us. <sup>17</sup> He endured agony to reconcile us all, bringing the gift of peace to a world weary of fighting. <sup>18</sup> As his life ended, a new humanity was born and everyone who trusts in him enjoys free access to God the Father through his Holy Spirit.

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