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Summer Term 2025  
Kingdom Living

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

Matthew 5:1-12

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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**

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**What do we do?**

**We help people find Jesus  
and  
follow him wholeheartedly**

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**How do we behave?**

**Encounter  
Family  
Generosity  
Transformation**

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How do we behave?

**Encounter**  
+  
**Family**  
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**Generosity**  
=  
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<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said:

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<sup>13</sup> 'You are the salt of the earth ... <sup>14</sup> 'You are the light of the world ... <sup>38</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." <sup>39</sup> 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 ... <sup>43</sup> 'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour and hate your enemy." <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5

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*<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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