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A Kingdom of Unexpectedness (Matthew 5-7)

Warmup: If Jesus were giving the Sermon on the Mount today, where do you think He'd give it and why?

READ & REFLECT

Matthew 5:3-10

- Decide which of the Beatitudes is the most difficult for you to live out.
 - Identify which one of the Beatitudes is your favorite and explain why.
- What is Jesus' caution in Matthew 5:17-20?
- What lines from the Matthew 5:38-42 have you quoted?
- How did Jesus demonstrate exousia?

Brainstorm: What's one rule people expect everyone to follow—even if it's not written anywhere?

Matthew 7:13

- Why does Jesus describe the gate narrow? What makes the road narrow?
 - Find a pair-share partner: Identify and explain what makes the road narrow for you.

Matthew 7:24-27

- What is the assurance as one follows Jesus' teaching?

RESPONSE

- Based upon the sermon and the Scripture you've read, how do Kingdom relationships differ from those of our culture?
- At least half of prayer is listening. Pair up with one person from your Life Group and pray together, listening for where God is challenging you to grow in your relationships to become more like Jesus.
- Based upon your prayer time, record your action step for this week.

"To transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ."