

## **SALTY AND SHINING: BLESSED ARE THE KINGDOM'S WORLD CHANGERS**

*Matthew 5:1-16*

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### Introduction:

Jesus' blueprint for how the world can be changed.

### 3 Observations:

1. The Beatitudes are an interconnected whole.
2. "Blessed" doesn't refer to what we think but what God thinks of our situation.
3. The Beatitudes cannot be separated from the Gospel.

### The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
6. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
8. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### Salty and Shining (Matthew 5:13-16)

Jesus' vision of world change starts when Christians live distinctively and serve others.

If the world is not changed, we need to take a good look at ourselves and ask, "what has happened to our saltiness? What has happened to our brightness?"

### Conclusion

Jesus, "the Blessed King"