**Lesson 4: Foundations for Kingdom Living**

**Big Idea:** Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount provides a comprehensive examination of the transformation that happens for those who live in His Kingdom.

**Review: Six Discipleship Outcomes**

 **1. Believe the Right Things 2. Transform Affections**

 **3. Renew Personal Identity 4. Transform Character**

 **5. Live in Community 6. Live on Mission**

**Key concepts to think about**

* The King chooses the way to a blessed life for His people.
* Human flourishing requires transformation from the inside out.
* Right alms giving, prayer, and fasting develop personal righteousness.
* Kingdom faithfulness should be our goal rather than “spiritual exploits”.

**Invitation**

* To say yes to King Jesus … and no to all others
* To repent of efforts to simply “be good enough”
* To identify a place where you can practice the King’s righteousness more fully

**Reflection Questions**

1. What kingdom do you want to serve? What are some ways the Sermon on the Mount identifies the radical difference between Jesus’ kingdom and kingdoms we see around us today?
2. Can you trust the King’s blessings and righteous patterns? Which of the Beatitudes presents the greatest challenge for you? How is the King calling you to greater blessings?
3. How do you handle times when you see areas where you fall short of kingdom faithfulness? How does this awareness call you to learn from Jesus’ example and from the example of other disciples?

1. What is the next step you can take in kingdom faithfulness in this season? How can that step be put into practice between now and the end of the year?

Note: You can find a comprehensive treatment of the Sermon on the Mount in the series “The Kingdom” by going to the North Cities Website (https://www.northcities.org/sermonseries/).