

## **KINGDOM LIVING: Service & Love**

As preached on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Read:** Matthew 5:3-12

1. The three Beatitudes found in vv.7-9 seem to form a call to serve. How is this kind of loving service viewed in our world today?
2. Read Luke 18:9-14. In what ways have you received mercy? From whom?
3. Read Matthew 18:21-35. What does it look like for us to extend mercy to others? Be specific.
4. Purity and ceremonial cleanliness were a big deal in Jesus' day. Why do you think that was? Is this similar to the importance of having a pure heart?
5. In what way(s) do you think the pure in heart will see God? Explain.
6. Is there a difference between the concept of Shalom ("peace" in Hebrew) and our conception of peace today? If so, why do you think there is?
7. Read Romans 12:18. In what way(s) does this relieve our responsibility? In what way(s) does this increase our responsibility? How does this relate to our call to be peacemakers?
8. There are some who allege that the Beatitudes found in vv.7-9 are implying a salvation by works. What do you think? How should we relate the charge to live in this way with our salvation that has been provided by grace?