Title: Kingdom Promises
Text: Matthew 5:1-11
Target: Every principle carries a promise, but when the promise carries us, we live by no ordinary principles, but instead KINGDOM PRINCIPLES.

I. Vertical Pursuit: Love God

1. Requires Personal Introspection: (Vs. 3-4)
   a. Our Attitude toward Self: “poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Vs. 3)
   b. Our Attitude toward Sin: “those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” (Vs. 4)

2. Reveals a Practical Expectation:
   a. Our Attitude toward Submission: “the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” (Vs. 5)
   b. Our Attitude toward Satisfaction: “those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (Vs. 6)

II. Horizontal Principles: Love People

1. Requires Perspective in every Situation:
   a. Our Attitude towards Sympathy: “the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” (Vs. 7)
   b. Our Attitude towards in Sincerity: “pure in heart, for they shall see God.” (Vs. 8)
   c. Our Attitude towards Strife: “peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” (Vs. 9)

2. Reveals how to Prevail in Defamation:
   a. Our Attitude towards Suffering: “persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Vs.10)
   b. Our Attitude towards Slander: “when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Vs. 11-12)

Take Away: The Beatitudes teach us how to live with the “Action of Blessing” by first having an “Attitude of Blessing”