

## Summer Worship Series: June 30 – September 1, 2024

### ***The Good Life ... The God Life: Exploring the Subtle, Subversive and Sublime Way of Jesus*** from Matthew 5:1-12

Where do you look for the good life? Do you find it in having a good time? Buying a big house? A new car? Getting the corner office? That next promotion? Enjoying the perfect relationship?

Most of us don't look for the good life where we should. Rather, deep abiding happiness is found in the most unusual of places. Jesus said you will find it when you are spiritually bankrupt, when you grieve with others, when you are persecuted, or when you work to resolve a conflict.

Now doesn't that sound crazy? Perhaps, the best way to find the good life is to look where Jesus said it is found. But there's a warning attached: To look for the good life where Jesus looks is serious business. Such a search is not for the faint of heart.

I hope you'll join us beginning June 30 in our search for **The Good Life ... The God Life**. Each week our journey will be full of unusual and piercing insights into Jesus' answer for this age-old quest. We are hopeful you'll see the Bible verses, most commonly known as the **Beatitudes**, as fresh and meaningful as they were the day Jesus uttered them. This summer worship series just might change your view of what it means to flourish and challenge you to seek **The Good Life ... The God Life** in all the right places.

**June 30: *The Way to the Good Life – Matthew 5:1-2*** – *“When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying ...”*

**July 7: *When You Haven't Got a Dime – Matthew 5:3*** – *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

**July 14: *One of the Strangest Sentences Ever Spoken – Matthew 5:4*** – *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”*

**July 21: *Humility that Leads to Blessedness – Matthew 5:5*** – *“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”*

**July 28: *The Blessed Longing – Matthew 5:6*** – *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.”*

**August 4: *The Circle of Mercy – Matthew 5:7*** – *“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.”*

**August 11: *A Heart of Pure Gold – Matthew 5:8*** – *“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”*

**August 18: *Moments of Peace at Troublesome Boundaries – Matthew 5:9*** – *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.”*

**August 25: *Against All Odds – Matthew 10-12a*** – *“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people 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.”*

**September 1: *The Good Life Transformed – Matthew 5:1-12/Philippians 4:4*** – *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”*