

1) Early results (23-25)

2. Character of the Kingdom

A. The Sermon on the Mount – the _____ (5-7)

1) The Beatitudes (5:1-12)

a) “Blessed” means _____

b) Ministry of paradox:

c) A new way of living. Not just future, but begin now.

2) Mission in the Kingdom (5:13-16). Being _____ and _____

“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” (Gen 12:3)

3) Righteousness in the Kingdom (5:17-20)

... If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless. But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. (Phil 3:4b-7)

4) Relationships in the Kingdom (5:21-48)

- a) Interpersonal Conflict (5:21-26)
- b) Lust (5:27-30)
- c) Divorce and remarriage (5:31-32)
- d) Promises (5:33-37) –
- e) Enemies and retaliation (5:38-48)

Commandments – shall not ...

- 5. Murder
- 6. Adultery
- 7. Steal
- 8. Lie
- 9. Covet neighbor's wife
- 10. Covet neighbor's stuff

f) Be Perfect

5) Basic issues in the Kingdom

a) Giving to the poor (6:1-4)

(1) Don't be _____ about it (6:1-2)

(2) Give _____ (6:3-4)

b) Prayer (6:5)

(1) The model prayer (Disciples' Prayer) (6:8-13)

(2) Application to avoid hypocrisy (6:14-15)

c) Fasting (6:16-18)

Giving (1-4)	Praying (5-15)	Fasting (16-18)
...before men (1)	...be seen by men (5)	...noticed by men (16)
...as the hypocrites (1)	...as the hypocrites (5)	...as the hypocrites (16)
...have their reward in full (2)	...have their reward in full (5)	...have their reward in full (16)
...give in secret (left/right hand) (3)	...pray in secret (closet) (6)	...fast in secret (anoint, wash) (18)
...Father who sees in secret (4)	...Father who sees in secret (6)	...Father who sees in secret (18)
...will reward you (4)	...will reward you (6)	...will reward you (18)

APPLICATION:

d) Real treasure

e) Anxiety over life (6:25-34)

6) Judging (7:1- 6) Rom 14:10-13

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Heb 4:12)

“You judge according to the flesh.... (John 8:15)

7) Answered prayer (7:7-11)

8) Golden Rule (7:12)

9) The two ways of life (7:13-14)

10) True vs. false prophets (7:15-20)

11) Entrance is by doing God’s will (7:21-23)

12) Foundation for life is the teachings of Christ

“No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.”
(John 1:18)