



True Vine's Virtual VBS 2020 *Grades 7-8*

June 22, 2020

Week 4 At Sea: *Blessed with Kingdom Values Matthew 5:9*

- **Deck Plan- Matthew 5:1-12**
- **Key Card- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."**
- **Main Seating- Jesus Christ gave the people a message. He wanted to teach people how they should behave. Jesus blesses those who follow Him and calls them children of God. Those who follow God believe in Him. These people love God with all their hearts. Children of God also show kindness to others.**
- **Bridge/Docking- Lord, please help us to accomplish our goal of living more like Jesus every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

God has different and higher moral expectations of how we are to behave and treat one another as His adopted children. There are distinct differences between belonging to God's family and having kingdom values, and merely being a citizen of this world and having the world's values. For instance, in God's kingdom, having privilege and power is not an important goal. While the world celebrates power, strength, and winning, Jesus explains that God blesses the meek, the suffering, and the peacemakers.

The Sermon on the Mount represents the major ideals of the Christian life. These include directions for our day- to- day interactions with others, such as being helpful, generous, and non-judgmental. Jesus spoke about a wide range of topics, including prayer, justice, care for the poor, divorce, fasting, and salvation. By addressing these subjects, Jesus reminded believers of their own responsibility toward God and others, and that our actions can lead to God's favor and blessings. In other words, having faith in God is not just about what one believes but is very much about what one does. Those whom God blesses are those who please Him in their everyday actions and attitudes.

It is good to know that our obeying God allows us to make such a difference. We can participate in bringing about blessings for others as well as for ourselves by doing the will of God. Although it is not always easy, God has given us the blueprint for a blessed life!

- *** 1. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to teach us the Beatitudes?
2. Which Beatitude would be easy for you to follow? Which one would be challenging?
3. What difference would we make in the world if we valued the things that Jesus values?

