



## True Vine's Virtual VBS 2020 *Grades 9-12*

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- God, thank You for the many chances You give us to get ourselves together. Help us to be more committed to having the kind of attitude and to doing the actions that please You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In this teaching, Jesus speaks about the practical actions and attitudes toward others that lead one to a life that pleases God. The Sermon on the Mount includes eight short blessings known as the Beatitudes. Each one reflects upon attitudes, such as meekness, mourning, longing for righteousness, etc. and relates them to specific blessings to include inheriting the earth and being comforted or satisfied.

Jesus promises that peacemakers will experience God's presence. They are those who live daily in the peace of God, letting go of small, upsetting things, and encouraging peace in others. As we focus on showing mercy, having a pure heart, and making peace, we may be criticized or rejected, just as Jesus was. Through all His sufferings, Jesus put His focus on heaven (Hebrews 12:2) that was His joy, and it will also be ours.

By addressing these subjects, Jesus reminded believers of their own responsibility toward God and others, and of the fact 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 it 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 obeying God allows us to make such a difference. We can participate in

bringing about blessings for others and for ourselves by doing the will of God. Although it is not always easy, God has given us the blue print for a blessed life!

\*\*\*\* What are some steps that we can take to begin adjusting our attitudes?

What are some of your core values that you believe help you to be blessed?

Name the ways in which you are blessed and share those blessings with someone!!

