

Times Are Changing!  
“Kingdom Changes Everything” – Jim Burgen  
September 8-9, 2018

**Group Creed**

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

Bible References: John 17:3, Matthew 4:23-25, Matthew 5:1-3, Luke 6:20-25

**Community:**

1. How would you describe a “blessed life”? What would that kind of life include?

**Core:**

1. Jim said that the Greek word *makarios* means “blessed” or “happy”. What part(s) of your life would you currently say fall into the *makarios* category and which don’t?
2. **Read Matthew 5:3.** Jim described “poor in spirit” as “spiritually bankrupt”. Have you experienced or are you currently experiencing this kind of spiritual bankruptcy? Do you find hope in Jesus’ promise of blessing in this spiritually bankrupt place?
3. **Read Luke 6:20, 24-25.** How would you answer Jim’s question, “Who (or what) are you depending on to take care of you when a storm hits the most important parts of your life?”
4. Jim asked, “What would keep you from bringing your life—poor or rich, knowing a lot about Jesus or hardly knowing Jesus at all into His kingdom?” What’s keeping you from bringing every part of your life into the Kingdom of God?
5. What’s at risk if you chose to bring every part of your life into God’s Kingdom and what’s at risk if you don’t? What’s one practical step you could take to begin placing those parts of your life into God’s Kingdom?

**Challenge:**

Continue to read through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) each week. You can also easily listen to it, going to and from work, on [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) by typing in Matthew 5 in the search section, then clicking on the speaker icon.