

EMBRACING GOD'S BLESSING

For the week of January 5, 2020

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GOAL:

To experience abundant kingdom living.

GET GOING:

- As you reflect on 2019 and look forward to 2020, what's one thing to which you're happy to say goodbye to, and what's one thing you're looking forward?
- Review the 5 secrets to experience abundant kingdom living from this weekend's message. Which stands out to you and why? What, if anything, would you add?
 - Jesus' Teaching Leads to Upside-Down Thinking (5:1-2; 38-44)
 - Upside-Down Thinking Leads to Upside-Down Blessing (5:3-11)
 - Upside-Down Blessing Begins with Upside-Down Righteousness (5:3)
 - Upside-Down Righteousness Leads to Upside-Down Mourning (5:4)
 - Upside-Down Mourning results in Upside-Down Living (7:24-25)
- After listening to the message from this weekend, how would you describe being "poor in spirit?" How can one who is poor in spirit flourish?

Bonus Challenge:

As we seek to become more like Jesus each and every day, begin this new year by committing to reading your Bible every day. Take 5-10 minutes to get into God's Word and experience abundant kingdom living this year.



KEEP GROWING:

- Take a minute to read the Beatitudes again in Matthew 5:1-12. Which verse stands out to you the most and why? How can these verses be a source of comfort to you in troubling times?
- Like the Beatitudes, much of Jesus' teaching flips things upside down. Have you experienced this in your own life (i.e. having joy in sorrow, last shall be first, the proud will be humbled)? What do you think these teachings tell us about God's character?
- What does abundant kingdom living look like for you? What change needs to take place specifically for you in order for you to truly experience abundant kingdom living?
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Memory Verse:

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

