How to Find Me Discussion Notes Matt 5:1-12 Sun 10 June

Message summary- Jesus' definition of blessing and who is considered blessed is radically different in both the culture of his day and of today.

Intro question- What or who needs to be added to your life in order for your happiness levels to increase.

Read Matt 5:1-12

*Discussion-* According to Matt 4:24-25, who was in the crowd listening to the Sermon on the Mount?

How is it possible to experience blessing even in times of loss, misunderstanding and lack?

Beatitudes 'are a summons to live in the present in a way that will make sense in God's promised future; because that future has arrived in the present in Jesus of Nazareth.' - N.T. Wright

Discuss this quote in the light of the blessings in the kingdom being both 'now' and 'not yet'.

*Prayer suggestion*: Ask God to help you grasp the kingdom's understanding of being blessed/happy.