The Sermon Off the Mount Rev Steve Cannon 8/17/25

## Matthew 8:1-3, Matthew 5:6-7

- Blessed are the poor in spirit
- Kingdom now. Bring God's Kingdom into our world right now
- Jesus was opening the door for everybody to move up
- It's not about being a church member but a relationship with God is important
- Poor means humble, devout person
- When you come to God's house, you have to dump off some of the negative that you picked up all week. Get rid of it!
- Love our enemies. Forgive one another
- We're not here to wrongly fight our way into Heaven
- The devil understands the Word more than he understands anything else
- There's two models of the church
- Lake model- focused on the programs, and the crowd. You leave the same way you got in
- River model- moves and flows-something moves you in the right direction
- 5 values to understanding the Kingdom of God
  - Value a move of God
  - Value being kind to one another
  - Value team ministry
  - Value fellowship
  - Value doctrine
- Jesus was an incredible Speaker
- Your attitude can keep you back from finding Jesus
- Never put a block on God
- "Few"
  - F-faith moves Jesus
  - o E- enthusiasm- feel something drawing you
  - o W- Worship
- Jesus went out of HIs way to greet and touch someone who was untouchale