



Aug. 27, 2023 Notes, Principles 1-3, Matthew 5:5-8a

1. **While sharing our faith is to be with all people, we can start with the people we already know.**
 - We all have family members, friends, coworkers, colleagues, classmates that don't follow Christ. We can share with them.
2. **Our message: The kingdom of heaven has come near.**
 - Our job is to point out the kingdom already present. God is already working in peoples' lives.
 - "Whatever you call it, the Spirit of God is at work in all human beings, no matter what their religion, no matter what their morality or lack of it, no matter what they have done or haven't done. -Leonard Sweet
3. **The kingdom of heaven can be seen when the sick are healed, the dead are raised to new life, appearances don't matter, and demons are defeated.**
 - How has God done this in your own life? That's how we start sharing our faith.
 - Or we have the opportunity to help others heal, serve others no matter who they are, or support people in the midst of struggle.