## **Sermon Outline: "Citizen Character In The Kingdom!"**

Matthew 5:1-12 10/02/19 Country citizenship Kingdom living Beatitude and blessed Blessed are you when .... Poor in spirit Mourn Meek Hunger and thirst for righteousness Merciful Pure in heart Peacemakers Persecuted

## To ponder over a cuppa with a friend:

What does blessed mean?
Why teach the beatitudes?
Which beatitude do you struggle with and why?

- 1. What does "blessed" mean? What Old Testament scriptures have "blessed" in them?
- 2. What does "beatitude" mean? What pattern is found in the beatitudes?
- 3. Why teach the beatitudes?
- 4. What does it mean to be poor in spirit? What do they receive?
- 5. What would one mourn over? What are they given?
- 6. What does meek mean? What do the meek inherit? In worldly thinking can one be meek and successful in life, particularly in business?
- 7. What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? What will they receive? What will this look like?
- 8. What does it mean to be merciful? What will the merciful receive? If one is not merciful does this mean they will not receive mercy?
- 9. What does it mean to be pure in heart? How can one maintain purity of heart? What do the pure in heart get?
- 10. What does a peacemaker do? What will a peacemaker be called? Does this mean that the Christian will endeavour to make peace? What is the opposite of a peacemaker? How can one deal with a divisive person and still be a peacemaker?
- 11. Why is the Christian persecuted? What forms of persecution are mentioned here? What is the reward of the persecuted? What attitude is the Christian to have toward persecution?
- 12. Which of the beatitudes do you struggle with the most and why?