

For the week of September 1, 2019  
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# Astounding Possibilities

Second week in the series: *Blessed Are*

**Matthew 5:3-12**

What kind of place are you in? A hard place? A good place? Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven—that is, God’s healing, loving rule—has drawn near, which creates astounding possibilities no matter the place you find yourself in.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe your understanding of the greatness of the kingdom of heaven. In other words, what makes the kingdom of heaven great?
2. Describe a time when you were surprised—in a good way—by God. What might this experience tell you about the kingdom of heaven—that is, his healing, loving rule.
3. Consider that the present nearness of the kingdom heaven makes it possible for you to rejoice and be glad “when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely” on account of Jesus. What does this tell you about the kingdom of heaven?
4. How would you describe the place you’re in right now—e.g., what you’re going through, your frame of mind? Consider that Jesus, in the beatitudes, says that even those in the hardest places are in a good place because the healing, loving rule of God has drawn near. How does this encourage you?