

Times Are Changing!
“Blessed Are the Anawim” – Jim Burgen
September 1-2, 2018

Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

Bible References: Matthew 5-7

Community:

1. Where have you felt the most out-of-place, and why?

Core:

1. As we begin this series on the Sermon on the Mount, if you're in a group/circle how do you think they'll be able to help you process this series?
2. **Review Matthew 5-7.** Is there anything Jesus teaches in the Sermon on the Mount that confuses you? If so, what is it and what is confusing to you?
3. **Read Matthew 5:3.** What do you think it means that the “poor in spirit” (or *anawim*) are “blessed” in the Kingdom of God?
4. Jim talked about the *anawim* and how they're associated with the poor, forgotten, shameful, and painful parts of life. What part of your life would you associate with as *anawim*? How did this time affect the way you saw yourself, God, and others?
5. Is there anything happening in life now that you'd put in that category of *anawim*? If so, how is it influencing the people and the relationships in your life?

Challenge:

Take time this week to read through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). As you read through this, write down the areas you feel Jesus is asking you to change and what's at risk if you make those changes—and what's at risk if you don't.