

Times Are Changing  
“On Your Own or With God” – Jim Burgen  
September 15-16, 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 5:4, Matthew 5:5, Matthew 5:6

**Community:**

1. How would you define what it means to be a “good” person?
2. How would you define what it means to live a “good” life?

**Core:**

1. **Read Matthew 5:4.** What situations in your life have caused you to mourn in the past and now? Do you think it would make a difference if you brought what you’re mourning into the Kingdom of God and asked Jesus to walk through it with you?
2. **Read Matthew 5:5.** How would you describe a meek person? What are the disadvantages you see for those who are meek in this world? What do you think Jesus offers, in a practical sense, in the Kingdom of God?
3. **Read Matthew 5:6.** Is there something you want to see “made right” in your life at this moment? If so, what do you see about this situation that isn’t right, fair or just? What do you think Jesus would say to you—in light of what you’re feeling?
4. Jim asked, “What’s the message running through your head about what you deserve from God?” Do you think God’s intentions towards you are good and wants to give you good things or not? If not, why are you struggling to believe that?

**Challenge:**

We encourage you to continue to read Matthew 5-7 each week, then also take some time before next group to pray—giving God the things you’re mourning, where you feel weak, and where you want Him to make some wrongs right.