

Sermon Series



# The Beatitudes

Being the Body of Christ






healing  
**community**  
imagination



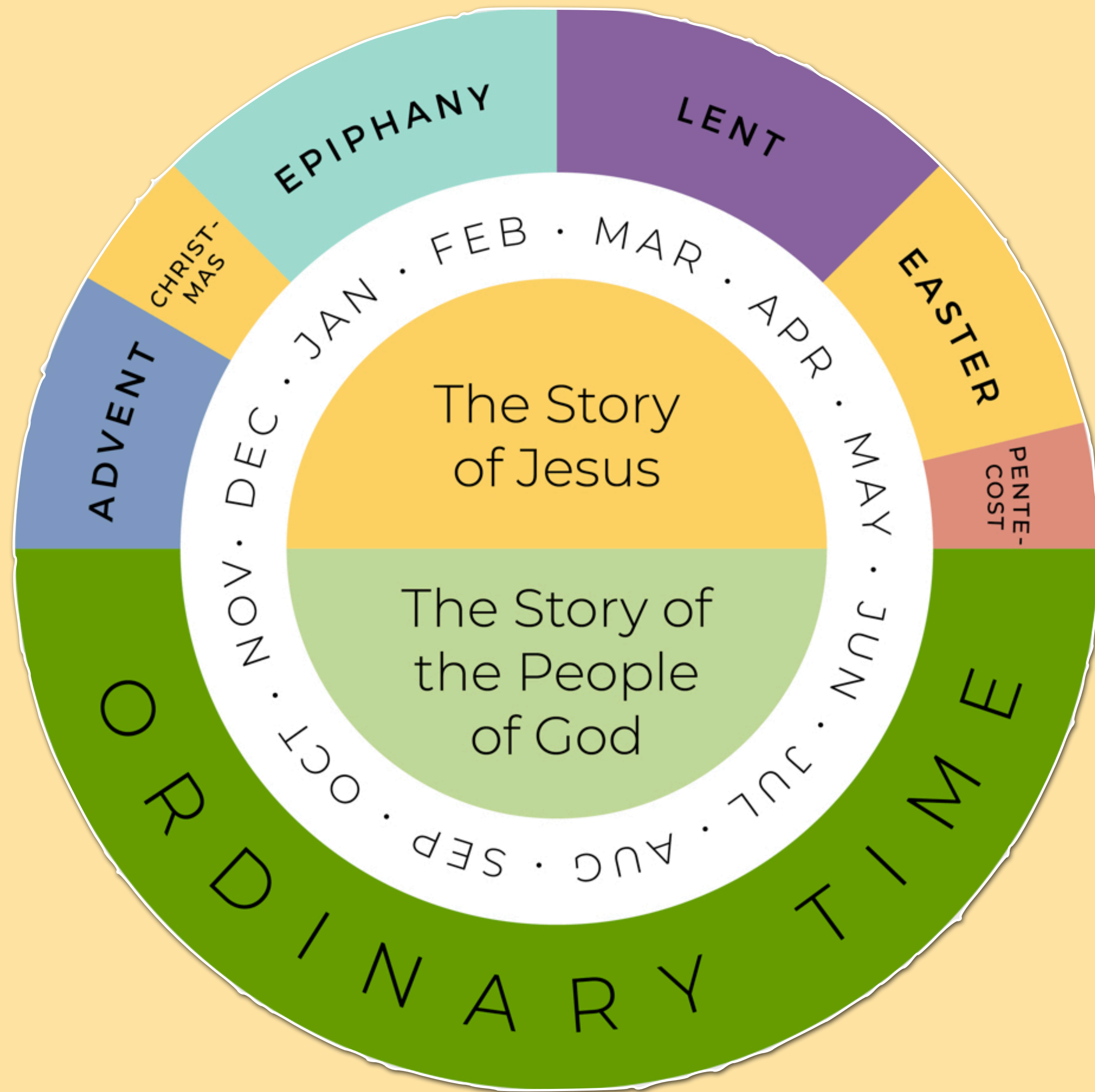


**Community is not a synonym for church;  
community is a practice of church.  
Church is a kind of community, being  
formed into the body of Christ.**

**What are the practices, the mindsets, the  
ways of relating that transform this  
*community* at a deeper level *into the body*  
of Christ?**

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# Matthew 1-4



**“News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and the region across the Jordan followed him.”**

**Matthew 4:24-5 (NIV)**





**From healing (curative medicine) to  
teaching (preventative medicine)**



# **The Sermon on the Mount**

## Mathew 5





**The embodied Christ, forming  
the body of Christ into his likeness**





**“Now when he saw the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.”**

**Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)**





**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

**Blessed are those hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.”**

**Matthew 5:3-6 (NIV)**





**“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”**


**Matthew 5:7-9 (NIV)**





**“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**

**Matthew 5:10-12 (NIV)**





**Choose the one you find most  
mysterious or curious.**





# **“Blessed are” (blessing)**

***eulogeo* - God’s empowerment/gifting  
of people and creation**


***makarios* - recognition of someone’s  
status or honour by the community**

See: “How Honorable! How Shameful” by KC Hanson





**Honour:** a claim to status affirmed by the community; how you are perceived

- **received on basis of identity**
  - **achieved on basis of competition**
  - **determined your treatment at all times**
  - **a limited commodity**
  - **traits: aggression, boldness, authority**
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**Shame:** loss of status, regard, or worth in the community; humiliation

- **traits: submission, deference, vulnerability to shame**






**The Beatitudes “are undoing the shame which disciples suffered on his behalf....Jesus revalues what has been disvalued; he honours what has been shamed”**

**-Jerome Neyrey in *Honour and Shame in Matthew***





# **The Beatitudes are a new honour code.**

- **How honourable are those who lack honour**
  - **Honour is replenished as it is poured out**
  - **Honour is not received by shaming others**
  - **We follow Jesus, who embraced social shame**
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**What question do you have as we enter  
this series?**

