

**Hello Summer:**  
**Week 12: The Beatitudes**

**I. Introduction: The Concept of Surrender**

1. Personal story about starting a company called Surrender Network.
2. Definition of surrender: discovering God's will for every situation and bending every effort in that direction.
3. Surrender is binary: either you surrender all or you don't.
4. Practical exercise: hands out as a symbol of surrender.

**II. Receiving from God**

1. Surrendering allows us to receive what God has for us.
2. Surrendering specific aspects of life: will, money, desires, etc.
3. Emphasis on receiving God's promises for various aspects of life.

**III. Mindset and Hope**

1. Personal experiences contrasting service mindset in Haiti vs. entitlement mindset at Great Wolf Lodge
2. Question: What dictates your hope and inner world every day?
3. Introduction of the "hope meter" to assess personal hope levels.

**IV. Jesus' Teachings: The Beatitudes**

1. Context: Jesus' genealogy, birth, baptism, and early ministry.
2. Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes.
3. Explanation of each Beatitude and its implications:
  - a. Poor in Spirit: Humility and dependence on God.
  - b. Mourning: Personal, communal, and godly mourning.
  - c. Meekness: Strength under control, inheriting the earth.
  - d. Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness: Pursuit of God through scripture and prayer.
  - e. Merciful: Showing mercy as Jesus redefined it.
  - f. Pure in Heart: Living into the purity given by God
  - g. Peacemakers: Being called children of God.
  - h. Persecuted for Righteousness: The reality of living a life worthy of persecution.

**V. Living a Life of Service**

1. Transition from a mindset of being served to serving others.
2. Reflection on personal and communal service.
3. Encouragement to live a life fully surrendered to Jesus.

**VI. Conclusion:**

1. Hope in Jesus- Encouragement to place all hope in Jesus, not in worldly comforts.
2. Call to live mission-focused lives, serving others and modeling Jesus.
3. Final prayer and blessing for the congregation.