

EXTRACT 4: Jesus announces the arrival of the kingdom

Read the *Sermon on the Mount* (Matthew 5-7) and compile a list of ways in which Jesus states that things need to be different in his world. Can you think of parallels in our own? Why not select two ways in which you will behave or think differently now.

OR

Consider how the early church worked out what it means to say 'Jesus is Lord', that is, we own and acknowledge allegiance to his kingdom before the world's ways of thinking, feeling and doing.

OR

List ways in which your church community reflects the attitudes and values that Jesus demonstrated.

Where might your church be challenged by Jesus – his words, behaviour and character?