SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
FLIP IT WEEK 4

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to ***southeastchristian.org*** *to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

Name some movies that have a resistance force in them. What are some of the common features of these groups? What kind of evil are they trying to fight against? Which of the stories has your favorite resistance group? Why does their cause/story resonate with you?

Read Matthew 5:3-12. As we've talked through these eight Beatitudes this week, which has stuck with you the most? How do these eight statements of blessing represent a resistance to the way the world operates? How does Jesus' idea of resistance compare/contrast to the way we portray resistance in movies?

Jesus' final Beatitude warns us against persecution. Looking at the eight Beatitudes, why would the world persecute those who live according to these values? Why would they make others uncomfortable/angry? What are some of the ways we typically respond to persecution? In contrast, how does Jesus tell us to respond to it?

The final Beatitude blesses those who are persecuted "because of righteousness." How do we know that the persecution/difficulties we face are truly because of the Gospel and not our own fault? What are some questions we need to ask ourselves to make sure we are truly representing the Kingdom well?

Jesus also commends the "peacemakers." How would you define peace? How is peacemaking different from "peace-faking" and "peace-breaking"? Kyle talked about three ways we make peace (Moving Towards the Conflict, Refusing to Pick a Side, Absorbing the Cost). Which of these is the most challenging for you to practice?

When someone wrongs you, there is always a debt. What are some of the "debts" we incur that can damage our relationships? What would it look like for us to absorb the cost of those debts to make peace? Close in prayer by thanking Jesus for the ways His blood has absorbed the cost and made peace in our relationship with God.