



Blessed, Pt. 1: Poor In Spirit

Everyone would love to have a blessed life. Who would opt for a miserable life? No one! So it is easy to admit that down deep, most are on a blessed quest in life. In his inaugural sermon, Jesus talks about being blessed ... but he didn't say what people expected him to say. In his sermon introduction, he laid out what it looks like for people who live in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Bottom Line: The Kingdom of Heaven is for the spiritually bankrupt.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share about a time (or season) when you didn't feel very blessed in life. What were your circumstances? What changed, if anything?
2. If you had to rewrite Jesus' statement in **Matthew 5:3** to fit the mindset of our culture, what would it say? *Blessed are the _____, for theirs is _____.*
3. How do you know if you are "poor in spirit?" Are you more likely to recognize this in yourself, or are others able to see it better?
4. Why is this character quality so important to Jesus? Why do you think he started with this quality?
5. How can you cultivate a "poor in spirit" type of heart and life?
6. What was the most challenging idea/thought to you from the message?
7. What was the most helpful/encouraging thought or idea from the message this week? How did it help you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?