

Poor in Spirit

Matthew 5:3 – Adam Bowers

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) What types of things make you happy?
- 2) Why was the teaching of Jesus so unordinary for the culture and the religious leaders of his time?
- 3) Jesus said in Matthew 5:3, “God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.”
- 4) Some versions translate these words as, “poor in spirit.” What does it mean to be “poor in spirit” or “poor and realizing a need for God?”
- 5) The Pharisee in Luke 18:9-14 was rich in spirit. He believed that he earned favor with God and compared himself to other people who weren’t as righteous as he perceived himself to be. In what ways have you been like the Pharisee?
- 6) How do we become more like the tax collector, being poor in spirit?
- 7) What was your biggest takeaway from the message this week and how do you plan to respond to it?