

BEATITUDES

AN 8-WEEK STUDY GUIDE

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**BLESSED ARE
THE POOR IN SPIRIT,
FOR THEIRS IS THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

STUDY QUESTIONS

Play the *“The Beatitudes: Poor in Spirit”* video lesson.

1. Have someone in your Life Group read *Matthew 5:1-12* and then *Matthew 5:3* (again). What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?

2. Describe how you’ve seen “poor in spirit” play out in the lives of others or in our society as a whole.

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3. What are some examples of “poor in spirit” from the lives of Jesus’ disciples, friends, crowds, and interactions?

4. Setting the context for the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), Jesus proclaimed in Matthew 4:17, “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Actually, Jesus taught more about the Kingdom of Heaven than any other topic. Why did He primarily focus on the Kingdom of Heaven?

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5. In the video lesson, Dusty pointed out that, "Jesus doesn't say 'blessed are the poor in spirit BECAUSE they admit it... Jesus' agenda was that His Kingdom was available now to ALL people, including those poor in spirit." If you feel comfortable, share a time when you had to acknowledge how you were "poor in spirit." What lesson did God teach you or what blessing did you receive from owning your "spiritual bankruptcy"?

6. Read *Isaiah 9:1-2* & *61:1-3*. According to these verses, how did (does) Jesus bring the Kingdom of Heaven to the world? Jesus gives a description and a promise in each beatitude. In *Matthew 5:3*, what is the relationship between "poor in spirit" and "Kingdom of Heaven"?

REFLECT

Take a few minutes to:

- Write down one personal takeaway from this lesson.
- Now, write about how this takeaway could be applied to your life.
- Finally, if you're comfortable doing so, share your takeaway and life application with the group.