

Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit

BEATITUDES – Part 1

October 5, 2025

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:1-3

The 3 Parts of this Beatitude

- Blessed: _____
- Poor in Spirit: _____
- Kingdom of Heaven: _____

“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

Matthew 5:3 (The Message)

Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of October 5, 2025.

Opening

Can you think of a time when the opposite of what you thought was actually true?

Digging Deeper into the Scriptures

Read Matthew 5:1-3

1. Verse 3 may seem upside down or counter intuitive. (poor in spirit refers to anyone who has had life beat them down, where they are at the end of their rope)

Why do you think Jesus is saying that the poor in spirit are blessed?

2. Kingdom of heaven doesn't just refer to heaven (the place we go when we die). That's part of it, but it more fully refers to God's rule, his ways, the way he designed the world to be.

Why then would Jesus say that the Kingdom of Heaven is for or near those who are poor in spirit?

3. With all of this in mind, put verse 3 in your own words.

Applying the Scriptures

1. Have you experienced a time in life when you were at the end of your rope, but your relationship with God was strengthened because of it? Share with the group.
2. Even though all of us have had times when God showed up in the midst of difficult circumstances, it can be difficult to remember this or believe that God will do it again when new trials come about.

What can you be doing that will help you remember God's faithfulness when new trials come about?