



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Part 1: Poor in Spirit

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- 1) Share your thoughts on this recent Pew Research Center survey which shows the results from over 18,000 adults asked what factors most attributed to their sense of meaning/satisfaction/happiness. Then share what are the Top 5 factors which make you feel meaning/satisfaction/happiness.

	1st choice	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Australia	Family	Occupation	Friends	Material well-being	Society
New Zealand	Family	Occupation	Friends	Material well-being	Society
Sweden	Family	Occupation	Friends	Material well-being/Health	
France	Family	Occupation	Health	Material well-being	Friends
Greece	Family	Occupation	Health	Friends	Hobbies
Germany	Family	Occupation/Health		Material well-being/General Positive	
Canada	Family	Occupation	Material well-being	Friends	Society
Singapore	Family	Occupation	Society	Material well-being	Friends
Italy	Family/Occupation		Material well-being	Health	Friends
Netherlands	Family	Material well-being	Health	Friends	Occupation
Belgium	Family	Material well-being	Occupation	Health	Friends
Japan	Family	Material well-being	Occupation/Health		
UK	Family	Friends	Hobbies	Occupation	Health
U.S.	Family	Friends	Material well-being	Occupation	Faith
Spain	Health	Material well-being	Occupation	Family	Society
South Korea	Material well-being	Health	Family	General Positive	Society/Freedom
Taiwan	Society	Material well-being	Family	Freedom	Hobbies

- 2) Read Ecclesiastes 2 aloud, together. What elements stand out to you and why? What is the main point of King Solomon's sharing here?
- 3) The word "blessed" is repeated 9 times throughout Matthew 5:1-11. The original Greek word is μακάριος (mak'arios) which primarily means "happy" or *fortunate, favored, privileged*. How does this affect your interpretation of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:2-12)?
- 4) Pastor Tom shared "2 Kingdom Principles" in this past Sunday's message. What were those principles and what makes them so significant in our lives today?
- 5) Describe what "poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3) means and why do you think those who have it, also have the "kingdom of heaven"?
- 6) Discuss the following quote "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." (Rick Warren) and its relation to the Allegory of the Long Spoons and their relation to the first Beatitude. How can you incorporate some of these gleanings in your life this week?