

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Jesus' first sermon was designed to help his followers redefine what a relationship with God was designed to be like. The blessed life is both available and accessible, but requires a certain heart posture that begins by being poor in spirit - *aka* humble.

The Christian life is not primarily about what you're doing, but who you're becoming.

Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

Both Sons are looking for a blessed life.

The Father Wants to Bless them Both.

Only One Son is Blessed.

Which Son are you?

Matthew 5:1-3 (ESV)

The Good News of Jesus applies best when you truly understand the Bad News of You.

Romans 3:10-13 (ESV)

1 Peter 5:5b-6 (ESV)

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) How would you explain the phrase, *The Christian life is not primarily about what you're doing, but who you're becoming* to others?
- 3) Read Luke 15:11-32. Which son do you currently relate with? Explain.
- 4) What kind of suffering or struggling has happened in your life that has led you to acknowledge that you are indeed *poor in spirit*?
- 5) Read 1 Peter 5:5b-6. What could it look like for you to daily choose to humble yourself before the Lord in order to live a blessed life?