

NORMS FOR THE KINGDOM:

“Poor in Spirit”

Matthew 5:3

1. What does it mean to be poor in spirit?

What it is not

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2. What does it look like to be poor in spirit?

Examples

3. What does it mean: theirs is the kingdom of heaven?

Life Group Questions
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Opener: Share a time when you thought you were better at something than you really were. How did that work for you?

1. What does it mean to be poor in spirit?
2. How would you define repentance?
3. How would you paraphrase Matthew 5:3 in your own words?
4. Pastor Steve provided seven examples of individuals who were “poor in spirit” from scripture. What are other examples from scripture that you can think of? Do you know people you consider to be poor in spirit?
5. Read Luke 18:9–14—The Parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. What do you think of the Pharisee? Why do you think he acted the way he did?
6. What do you think of the tax collector? Why do you think he acted the way he did?
7. Why do you think Jesus said that the tax collector went home justified before God, rather than the Pharisee?
8. When have you been like the Pharisee in this story?
9. When have you been like the tax collector?
10. How will you strive to make living for God’s Kingdom a priority in your life?

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:3

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

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