Sept. 30, 2018

The Sermon on the Mount

- I. Background.
- II. What does it mean to be blessed?
- III. What does it mean to be poor in spirit? Matthew 5:34
 - John 15:5 NLT "...apart from me you can do nothing"
 - Isaiah 26:12 NIV "...all that we have accomplished You have done for us."
 - Psalm 127: 1 NIV "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain."
 - Matthew 8:8 NLT "But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed".

- IV. What does it mean, "yours is the kingdom of heaven?" Luke 17:20-21 Now and Not Yet
 - John 14:13 I go and prepare a place for you...
 - Luke 12:33-34 "Don't store up for yourselves thing on earth... but store up for yourselves thing in heaven..."
- V. How do we experience the blessings of the poor in spirit?
 - 1. Confess your deficiencies.
 - 2. Admit your need for him. "Unless the Lord builds the house."
 - 3. Pray as if it all depended on him.
 - Lord I am unworthy for you to come into my house, but say the word and I will be healed....