



PART 2: BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION

What if the underlying spiritual issue facing the Church today is that we've failed to take Jesus seriously enough? What if much of the culture's judgment of Christians isn't the result of Christians obeying Jesus, but the result of Christians ignoring him? What could look differently in culture, and in our lives, if we lived like Jesus was serious?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:17

Matthew 5:1-3

Mark 10:17, 21-27

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe "the good life." How do we live "the good life?"
2. How would you define "blessed?" Who are some people you know of who you would describe as blessed by God? Why?
3. In what part of your life do you attempt to project a positive, but false, self-image?
4. Pastor Will taught that no one is beyond God's blessing. Describe a time when you've felt like you (or somebody you know) were beyond God's blessing.
5. Read Matthew 5:3. Pastor Will defined "poor in spirit" as being spiritually bankrupt, a spiritual beggar, don't know the Bible, or can't make heads or tails out of religion. Describe a time when you've felt "poor in spirit."
6. Read Mark 10:17-24. For the man in this account it was his wealth that kept him spiritually poor. What is the thing in your life that keeps you incarcerated in spiritual bankruptcy? How can you bring that thing to God today?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Jesus, I bring my spiritual poverty to you today. Thank you for welcoming me into your Kingdom anyway.