



October 27th, 2024

Sermon: Attitudes | Poor in Spirit | Mourning

Text: Matthew 5:3-4; Luke 7:11-17

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does this story tell me about God?

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2. What does this story tell me about people (or about myself)?

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3. If this is God's word for my life, how will I obey it?

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4. Who am I, going to tell?

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Key Points, and questions to Reflect on and discuss From Ryan's message:

Words to keep in mind as we reflect on the last message and the context of this one:

**Makários-** Congratulations is the closest meaning to that word in the English language. For example, congratulations to those who mourn Congratulations to the poor.

**Ashrei-** Life as it should be, the Good Life, Life at its fullest, life as it is meant to be. In other words, these pastures that Jesus spoke about in the Beatitudes are actually what they should be. They should be a part of our lives.

Ryan shared that its was the knowledge of the scriptures the naturing of the scriptures, the environment they had grown up in, the religious traditions that they had adopted that actually kept them from knowing that Jesus was the Messiah and the son of God. **(Reflect this point for a minute as a group or family.)**

Can the bubble that we find us. Make it harder for us to experience the fullness of the meaning of what it means take up the Cross and posture to truly follow Jesus, or does it make us take up a posture of a modern-day Pharisee?

### 3 questions to Wrestle with in the context of this message...

- 1). How do you understand and interpret being Poor in Spirit. Is being Poor in Spirit a posture that you really understand and experience regularly?
- 2). Why did Jesus include those who Mourn in this triad of social postures and Beatitudes. Is it connected to the above?
- 3). How are the two beatitudes of Poor in spirit and those who mourn Ashrei or Makorios?

### “Poor in Spirit is a posture we need to find ourselves often”

Blessed makarioi (makarioi) are you, when you are poor ptokhós (ptokhós) in your own Spirit vsua (pneûma)

Hakapiol (makarioi) =

Congratulations

ITXOS (ptökhós) = Poor, without  
resource

Tveua (pneûma) = Spirit

Congratulations to you when you are without resource in your own personal spirit.

“Understanding poverty of spirit.

Let us understand what poverty of spirit is not. It is not the conviction that one is of no value whatsoever.

It does not mean the absence of self-worth or, as one theologian put it "ontological insignificance." It does not require that we believe ourselves to be zeros.

Such an attitude is simply not scriptural, for Christ death on our behalf teaches us that we are of great value.”

**R. Kent Hughes**

“The poor in spirit in the sense of this beattitude are those who recognize they are completely and utterly destitute in the realm of the spirit. They recognize their lack of spiritual resource and therefore their complete dependence on God. They are those who feel their spiritual need. It is the opposite of pharisaic pride in one's own virtue with which Jesus was so often confronted.”