

Blessed are The Poor in Spirit

NOTES

- Open In Prayer:

Remember to Ask someone: "If you Can Pray for them" this Week.

Announcements:

Pre Service Prayer Sundays @ 9:50 am.

ASK and they Will Come. Invite someone to one of these events coming up.

Mens Breakfast INN Saturday April 21, Ask someone else to come too!

Gals Special Event April 23- Guest from Kelowna

Last Weeks Key point: Just as he did on that Palm Sunday, Jesus is confronting us **today** with who he is...here I am...King of kings, the way the truth and the life, the living bread, the living water, I was there when the stars were flung into space...here I am!

Follow up and review last weeks discussion What was it about? What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

What did you hear from or see from God this week?

Key Point: Understanding "poor in Spirit" sets us up for Reward and purpose for our lives

Start todays discussion

Read out loud :Matthew 5:1-13

Discussion: What does it mean to you to be "poor in Spirit?" Most of us have heard this statement for years as a christian. in your own terms and understanding answer the question. _____

What is righteousness? _____ agian "as you ,personally, understand it

What is the main difference between Johns Baptism and Christs?

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

v.11 _____

Matt 25:41 Results of Unrepentance and no fruit

Acts 2:33 Results of Repantance an Fruit in their lives.

Waht is Baptism today? are there differnt kinds? Discuss the differences

These verses might help : Luke 3:3

Mt 3:6; Acts 8:36,37

Discuss Acts 18:25 and 26 What did Aquila and Priscilla explain here, DO YOU Understand it?

Read: Matt 5:1-2 Jesus Saw the people , their spiritual condition, do you see those around you. DO we take the time to explain to those around us the things of God? Why or why not? Describe the groups of people following Jesus. Do we tailor our message to those around us?

- The Forgotten God
- Francis Chan

PRAYER ITEMS

Refer to these during the week.

- Government - Prime Minister; - Premier

Taylor W. Australia
ministry outside the Compound
- Finances for 2nd year

Kara H
Teaching and ministering in
Takua Pa, Thailand

She is having problems with her stomach.

KEY QUESTION



What did you hear or see this week?

LIVE IT:

Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to you, What is God asking you to do about today's discussion? Who will you allow to hold you accountable to this? For you personally, what do you need to adjust in your day to put the Holy Spirit more center? How can we your group, brothers and sisters help you ?

Read Mt 5:3

Jesus talks about a requirement and a reward **discuss:**

Requirement:

- To be "poor in spirit" is to recognize your spiritual poverty before God.

"It is a consciousness that we are nothing in the presence of God." -Pastor Martyn Lloyd-Jones

- Condition one needs in order to come to Jesus Christ for salvation.
- It does not mean poor in earthly wealth. It does not mean material poverty will guarantee you spiritual blessing.

Reward:

- The Kingdom of Heaven
- Not just as subjects, but as rulers with Him *"made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father"* ([Rev. 1:6](#)).

2 Timothy 2:12

- says, *"...if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us"*

The reward is:

- Prestigious - No reward is as important or prestigious as heaven
- Pure - it will not fade away or corrupt; it is of heaven from God
- Permanent - the Kingdom of God "Heaven" is not temporal but eternal, everlasting.

Earlier tonight we talked about what Righteousness was, remember? add what we have learned about being "poor in spirit" _____ so, do we understand these verses better?

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference" ([Romans 3:21-22](#)).

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" ([2 Cor. 5:21](#)).

"And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" ([Phil. 3:9](#)).

Ask how understanding of being "Poor in Spirit" motivates us. or does it?

How Does it motivate us, in our relationships, politics, work, our neighbors, our families, spouse, our own inner self. Priority of walking / growing in our faith? In Prayer,