

“Heaven On Earth: Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit

Matthew 5:1-3 September 25, 2022

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

Who Are The _____ ?

What Is The _____ ?

How Does This _____ ?

Next Steps For Next Week:

Read Matthew 4:1-11 Who led Jesus was led into the desert? What was the purpose of this desert journey? How do you feel about the Spirit’s leadership involvement? How did Jesus overcome the temptations? What happened after Jesus made His definitive declaration?

Read Matthew 3:1- 3 & 4:12-22 What was the message of both both John the Baptist and Jesus? (John speaking in Matthew 3:2 & Jesus speaking in Matthew 4:17) What does it mean to “repent?”

Read Matthew 4:18-25 Who were the first respondents to this message of repentance? What choice did these first responders make? Where did Jesus go and what did he do after the calling of the first responders? Why were large crowds enamored with Jesus?

Read Matthew 5:1-12 This section is typically referred to as “The Beatitudes.” What does “beatitude” mean? It is the introduction of the larger passage known as “The Sermon on the Mount.” (Matthew 5-7) In this sermon, Jesus is hoping to define the values of the Kingdom of Heaven. What are some of these values that fly in the face of some of our common “western” values?

Read Matthew 5:1-12 again The word “blessed” is used 9 different times. How do you use typically use this word? How have you heard others use this word? How does Jesus use this word? What shocks you about how Jesus uses “blessed?”

Read Psalm 1 According to the writer of this Psalm, what are some characteristics of people who are “blessed?” What is “the law of the Lord?” Do you “delight” in the law of the Lord? Do you meditate on the law of the Lord?

Read James 1:12-18 How does James describes a “blessed” person? What is “the crown of life?” What is the prerequisite for receiving this crown?