



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 1 – THE POOR IN SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Matthew 5:1-3; Isaiah 61:1; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 16:8, 13

KEY TERMS

Blessed — Greek *makarios*; English _____

Blessing — pronouncement of _____ through actions or words.

⇒ “Blessed” is the _____ of *and* favor on an individual.

Poor — to be _____.

Poor — to be _____ the _____ to gain.

⇒ “Poor in spirit” is a pronouncement of favor on the _____.

BIG IDEA

To be “blessed” is not about your position _____ Jesus
but your position _____ Jesus.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

DIGGING IN

1. Share a time when you were “poor in spirit.”
2. Where in your life do you feel “rich” in spirit? Why?
3. Why is pride such a threat to the follower of Jesus?
4. How does this beatitude suggest postures of humility?
5. What other characteristics reflect the “poor in spirit”?
6. Do you currently need conviction or cultivation from the Holy Spirit?
7. What is your responsibility to others who are “poor in spirit”?

DIGGING DEEPER

Spurgeon, Charles. *The Beatitudes*. Whitaker House: 2012.