



# HOW TO BE BLESSED BY GOD

The Beatitudes, part 1  
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***“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”***

***(Matthew 5:3)***

**keyword:** Repent

*Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.”*  
*(Matthew 21:31–32)*

***“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”*** ***(Matthew 5:4)***

**keyword:** Risk

*Again I saw something meaningless under the sun: There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. (Ecclesiastes 4:7-8)*

***“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”*** ***(Matthew 5:5)***

**keyword:** Resist

*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:29)*

***“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*** ***(Matthew 5:6)***

**keyword:** Reorganize

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)*

# Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

## HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit [pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/) or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

### Point #1

- Read Matthew 5:1-3. In what way does verse 3 describe the Gospel? Be specific.
- How can a "poor in spirit" perspective go beyond responding to the Gospel?
- Why will this truth prevent pride from creeping in and providing blessing? How will you step into Point #1?

### Point #2

- Read Matthew 5:4. Explain this truth in light of the previous verse. How could this be misunderstood?
- What do you typically find yourself grieving or mourning about? (e.g., hurt, failure, poverty, etc.)
- How does Point #2 challenge you? Why is this important to explore? How does it encourage you to change?

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## Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at [pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons).

### **MONDAY // Read Matthew 5:1-3a, Psalm 1:1, 32:1-2, 84:12, 146:5, Luke 11:28, Romans 4:6-8**

- In your own words, describe what it means to be blessed by God. How does this relate to happiness?
- In what way will God's blessing be different than the world's approach to happiness? Give an example.
- Knowing that God promises to bless you, in what way are you missing out? Pray and ask God for insight.

### **TUESDAY // Read Matthew 5:3, Psalm 51:17, Luke 12:32, Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 John 1:8-10**

- What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"? How does this relate to the kingdom of heaven? Be specific.
- In what way did Jesus present the Gospel in Matthew 5:3? How can this get misinterpreted?
- Describe how you felt when you became a Christian. What has changed? How can Matthew 5:3 help?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 5:3, Luke 18:9-14**

- What root issue was Jesus addressing when He presented the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector?
- In what way did this highlight the truth of Matthew 5:3? Why will this always prevent pride from creeping in?
- What is God revealing to you about keeping a poor in spirit perspective? How do you need to adjust?

### **THURSDAY // Read Matthew 5:3-4a, Genesis 37:29-34, Matthew 26:69-75, Mark 16:9-10**

- How does Matthew 5:3 help with the context in understanding Matthew 5:4? How could this get misunderstood?
- What are some other examples of this type of mourning found in today's reading? Be specific.
- How do you usually respond to the sinful behavior of others? (i.e., mourn vs. mad) What is God teaching you?

### **FRIDAY // Read Matthew 5:4, Psalm 30:5, 119:134-136**

- Why will slowing down to honestly ponder the damaging effects of sin lead to a godly mourning?
- What do you typically mourn about? (e.g., sickness, hurt, failure, etc.) How often do you mourn about sin?
- What does God promise when godly mourning takes place? How can you adjust your perspective today?

### **SATURDAY // Read Matthew 5:1-4, Daniel 9:1-20**

- In what way did Daniel experience the truth of Matthew 5:1-4 in both mourning and poor in spirit? Be specific.
- Why will stepping into these two attitude adjustments make you available for God's blessing in daily life?
- What will it also prevent from taking place? Take time and ask God to reveal the deeper meaning for you.

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

**Matthew 5:3**