

“Talk it Over” Discussion Questions

Happy

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Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

Facilitator Instructions:

Please use these questions as a guide. You do not need to cover each of them OR ask them in the listed order. Hopefully they will serve as a springboard to a great discussion. Remember, allow some “wait time” before moving along to the next question.

Message Summary:

This series is based on Matthew 5, commonly known as The Sermon on the Mount. Jesus talks about eight ways to be blessed by God. The word blessed simply means happy. This week’s message was from Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. This means to humbly depend on God instead of myself.

Ice-Breaker: (Use this as a kick-off to get the discussion going)

What steps do you take when you have to make a decision? Who do you go to for advice?

Involve questions: (These questions are focused on others..it is always easier to open with a question that isn’t personal.)

The first way to express your dependence on God is to depend upon His wisdom and not our own. What is the problem with relying on your gut?

How does God’s word provide us with direction?

The second way to express our dependence on God is to depend on God’s strength. Mike referenced Romans 8:11 (MSG). “It stands to reason, doesn’t it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he’ll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus...”

What is the significance of God being “alive and present”?

What does this scripture teach us about God?

What has God “raised from the dead” in you?

Finally, we are to depend upon God’s timing. How would you know if you have the right timing for any given situation in your life?

Challenge Portion: (Next Steps)

Do you have a situation in your life where you need God’s wisdom/strength/timing? If it’s appropriate, share with the group and pray collectively for each others situations.