

## Sermon Discussion Guide

Kingdom Citizens: Week 2

### Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

### Read

Matthew 5:3

### Main Ideas

This week, we examined the first of the "Beatitudes"- Jesus' declaration of blessing for the poor in spirit. We heard that to be poor in spirit is to recognize our need for God and the reality that we have no righteousness apart from Him.

Jesus announces that those who recognize this truth are given the Kingdom of Heaven, the place where Christ rules and reigns, bringing joy, peace, and fulfillment to the desires of our hearts.

### Icebreaker Question

- If money was no object, what is the biggest thing you would buy?

### Discussion Questions

1. When you think of the phrase "poor in spirit", what comes to your mind? Was it different before hearing this weekend's teaching? How would you define the phrase now?
2. Would you describe Jesus as poor in spirit? If so, why? If not, why not?
3. As a group, read Luke 18:9-14.
  - a. Which of the two men reflect poverty in spirit?
  - b. What does the tax collector teach us about how to approach God?
4. Can you think of a part of your life where you find yourself trying to measure up- to others, to yourself, to God? Where do you think that desire comes from?
5. As a group, read Psalm 86:1-7.
  - a. What about poverty of spirit do you see in David's words?
  - b. What would it look like for us to incorporate these words into our daily living?