**Kingdom Wealth Discussion Guide**

This morning we started a new series on the Beatitudes called “To Be or Not to Be”. The Beatitudes describe the inner qualities of a true disciple. Jesus is describing what every Christian should be. They answer the questions: “What does Jesus want from me?” and “What does Jesus want for me?’

We looked at the first Beatitude in Matthew 5:3, “Blessed are the poor in spirit.” The Poor in Spirit recognize their need for salvation and turn from their sin and to Christ for forgiveness. As a result, they find blessing in their relationship with Christ.

**Key Verse: Matthew 5:3**

**Discussion Questions:**

* What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”? (Pastor gave several examples. Discuss all that you can remember.)
* In what ways are the poor in spirit blessed?
* Pastor talked about the rich young ruler in Matthew 19. What kept him from following Jesus?
* What is the Kingdom of Heaven, and in what ways do the poor in spirit receive it?

**Prayer Focus:**

Pray that God will help you recognize your need for Him. Acknowledge that salvation is through Jesus Christ alone and the forgiveness that He offers. Thank God for the blessings you have received from Him (be specific).

**Next Steps**

1. Is there an area of your life where you are depending on yourself more than God? If so, decide how you can change that and make a commitment to change.
2. Make a list of the ways God has blessed you.
3. Make a list of ways you can show God your appreciation for His blessings, and do those things.