Session 2

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

I. Beatitudes

A. The flowers of our heart's garden

1. Blessed
2. Virtue/Character/Value/Mindset/Heart Posture
3. Reward

B. Key to understanding the beatitudes

1. How did Jesus walk these out?
2. Take my yoke upon you, my yoke is easy, burden light Mt 11:28-30

II. Blessed – having a _____ _____ on the_____

1. Happy? – All smiles?
2. Lucky?
   a. 1 Tim 1:11, 1Tim 6:15
3. Fortunate?
4. Experiencing the favor of God
   a. Ps 5:12 For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield.
   b. Measures of grace – James 4:6
   c. Joy – a fruit of the Spirit
   d. Ps 40:16
   e. Ps 92:4
5. Having a _____ and _____ heart
   a. Jn 4:14
   b. Jn 7:37-39
   c. Fruit of the Spirit – the produce of our garden

III. What we pursue - Poor in Spirit

A. Poverty of spirit – utterly dependent on God for everything

1. Spirit – take not your HS from me! – Eternity depends on Him
2. Soul – we are in great need!

3. Body – frailty of our body
4. Recognition that we are not walking in/experiencing the fullness of God's Kingdom and cannot apart from Him.
5. This is NOT a "poor me" attitude.
6. The proper focus
    a. Jn 15:5

B. How did Jesus demonstrate this?

1. Jesus
    a. Jn 5:19; 5:30

C. Search the scriptures

1. David
    a. Ps 16:2
    b. Ps 71:23
2. Isaiah
    a. Is 57:15
    b. Is 66:1-2

D. Comparing ourselves to the Perfect will always help us walk this way.

E. Comparing ourselves to others leads us to a Laodicean mindset.

1. Rev 3:15 – opposite heart
    a. Pride/Arrogance
    b. Judging & critical spirit
    c. Unholy pedestals/idols

IV. The Reward - Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

A. What does this mean?

1. Admittance into the Kingdom
2. Participation in the works of the Kingdom now
3. A role in the Kingdom when He returns

B. Jesus said to seek first the Kingdom…

1. Our real inheritance, our true reward – now and into eternity
2. Mt 19:14 Permit the children… theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven
    a. Children are fully dependent for all things pertaining to life.
3. Heaven permits violence
    a. Mt 11:12 Violent seize hold of the Kingdom