

**“Blessed are the Poor in Spirit”**  
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**Scripture: Matthew 5: 3 NRSVue**

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you think it means to be poor in spirit?
2. How might the poor be “poor in spirit”?
3. How might those who are not materially poor be “poor in spirit?”
4. Why did Jesus say that they are blessed?
5. How might the kingdom of God belong to the poor in spirit?
6. Is Jesus romanticizing poverty? When can poverty not be bad poverty, but actually good poverty?  
What does it mean that Jesus loves the poor but hates poverty?
7. How is blessing not just a kind word, but something that actually changes things?
8. Why is pride such an obstacle to being poor in spirit?
9. How does faith help us see reality better?