

# STUDY GUIDE

## BE: WEEK 1 10.5.14

### [set up]

How did you see God work this last week in your personal life, devotions, LifeHouse efforts, conversations with those who do not know Christ, etc?

As you think about having a relationship with God, how does being prideful and self-reliant work against us and how does being humble and God dependent work for us?

### [digging deeper]

This week we kicked off a new series in the first 12 verses of Matthew chapter five. This is a section known as the Beatitudes from the very first recorded sermon of Jesus known as the Sermon on the Mount. For familiarity and review please read. Matthew 5:1-12

Focus now on Matt. 5:3. What is your understanding of what it means to be “poor in spirit?” What is your understanding of “The kingdom of Heaven”?

What would be a phrase that would be the exact opposite of Matt. 5:3 and how does that bring additional insight to the meaning of this verse?

Why is it required to be on who is poor in Spirit in order to belong to God’s kingdom?

What does being poor in spirit mean (or look like) for someone who do not know Christ? What does being poor in spirit mean (or look like) for someone who does know Christ?

Read all or some of the verses below to get a better of ideal of how humility and pride are a factor in our relationship with God:

Ps. 51:17      Ps. 147:6      Is. 57:15      Prov. 16:5  
Luke 14:11      John 3:30      Gal. 6:3      James 4:6

Read all of some of the following examples of people that demonstrated being poor in spirit

1 Chronicles 29:14      Psalm 51      Luke 7:6-9      Luke 18:13-14  
John 1:27; 3:30      Roman 7:18      1 Tim. 1:15-16



## **[living it out]**

As you did this study, did God reveal anything in your life that you need to deal with regards to being poor in spirit?

As you prayerfully put together your top ten list of those who do not know Christ, you can pray for them by name that God would help them become poor in spirit by realizing their spiritual poverty and His rich grace.

Close in prayer asking God to help you BE one who is poor in spirit – constantly aware of the Lord's great grace through Christ, and to repel our desire to be spiritually self-sufficient and self-reliant. You can pray that way for your friends and family that know Christ and you can pray for a poverty of spirit to come upon those you know that do not know Christ.