- 11. What is the world looking for?
- 12. What are some ways that people, both in the church and out, try to find happiness?
- 13. What makes sin so deceitful?
- 14. Is it Biblical to say that there are temporary pleasures associated with sin? Where does the Bible answer that question?
- 15. What is the first thing noted that "poor in spirit" does NOT mean?
- 16. What is the second thing noted that "poor in spirit" does NOT mean?
- 17. To be poor in spirit is to be a person who recognizes his/her own what?
- 18. To be poor in spirit is to be aware that we are lost sinners who need the what?
- 19. To be poor in spirit is to be aware that we are not what we ought to be and we need to be changed by the what?
- 20. If you are poor in spirit, then you are not what?
- 21. Those who are poor in spirit are the ones who are granted what?
- 22. A person who is poor in spirit doesn't trust in whom?
- 23. What does the Pharisee, in our Lord's parable, represent?
- 24. What does the tax-gatherer, in our Lord's parable, represent?
- 25. What is it called to be "granted righteousness before God?"
- 26. What is the way into the kingdom of heaven?

- 27. What is both the path into the kingdom and the walk of the one who is in the kingdom?
- 28. What does it mean that apart from Jesus Christ we can do nothing?
- 29. Why can we really not boast about even one element of what we have in life?
- 30. What does boasting reveal about a person?
- 31. What do you have that you did not receive?
- 32. The word, "walk" in Ephesians 4:1 means what?
- 33. What word is used throughout the New Testament to speak of lifestyle?
- 34. The word, "worthy" literally means what?
- 35. Our primary ministry is to do what?
- 36. Really, the only thing that matters is that you do what?
- 37. When Paul begins to define the worthy walk, amazingly, he begins with what?
- 38. Paul begins the description of the worthy walk with an exhortation to be what?
- 39. Humility is the character trait that once you think you've achieved it, you've done what?
- 40. What term, never appearing in Classical Greek, was coined by Christians?
- 41. The Greeks viewed the attitude of humility as fit, only for whom?

- 42. If you don't have a poor in spirit, humble attitude, you will never do what?
- 43. What is one reason why we don't always have an attitude of humility?
- 44. Do you want to be truly blessed? Do you want to be truly happy?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- \*\*How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- » How can I accomplish this change?
- » What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## For Next Time:

- 1) Read Matthew 1:1-5:3
- 2) Read Matthew 5:1-4 each day this week.
- 3) Can you think of any of the paradoxes of Christianity? (Example of one would be: To live you first must die).
  - 4) What would be the paradox of Matthew 5:4?
  - 5) What should we mourn over?
- 6) How is it happy to be happy and sad at the same time? What is an example of this?
  - 7) Read Psalm 51:1-11. How might this apply to Matthew 5:4?

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## BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT Matthew 5:3 (Series #14)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit". All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

- 1. The precious words of our Lord Jesus that are found in Matthew 5:1-12 are known as the what?
- 2. The Beatitudes describe what?
- 3. "Being" comes before what?
- 4. What comes out in our actions?
- 5. If you are not merciful in your character, then you will not be willing to do what?
- 6. If you are not a peacemaker in your character, then you will not be willing to be what?
- 7. In the first century, whenever a rabbi had a very serious address to deliver, he would do what?
- 8. To say that Jesus sat down and then He "...opened His mouth and taught them..." is a way of saying what?
- 9. The word "blessed" basically means what?
- 10. Why does the word, "happy" make some Christians nervous?

\*\*To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.