

## Being Nothing, Owning Everything!

Text: Matthew 5:1-3

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**Big Idea: Happiness begins in ruins and ends in Glory!**

**Context is key!**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

**Question #3**

Discuss this quote from Martin Lloyd-Jones: *“The glory of the gospel is that when the Church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it.”* Do you agree? Why or why not?

**Point 1: REVISE your DEFINITION of HAPPINESS!**

**Question #4**

- a) What is your definition of what happiness/blessing is?
- b) **Rd Matthew 5:1-12:** How does God define happiness/blessing?
- c) In light of the truth of part ‘b’, why is it impossible to create your own happiness by your efforts to achieve success or status, gain possessions?

**Question #5**

*\*\*Note: Please use your fruit to root diagram for the following question.\*\**

- a) What place(s) are you trying to seek happiness from right now that isn't God?
- b) What fruit(s)/evil behaviour result from you trying to pursue it from that place but not getting it?
- c) What lies are you believing that lead you to pursue it from that and not the Lord?
- d) What is the worldly treasure that you really want from pursuing that?
- e) What gospel treasure are you forfeiting (and as such, God's blessing), by pursuing that worldly treasure?
- f) What truth must replace the lies if you are to live with true happiness in Jesus?
- g) What fruit/good behaviour will replace the evil behaviour as you pursue the treasure of Jesus over the treasure of the world?
- h) Spend time in prayer for one another in these areas, repenting of the sinful fruit, lies & roots, and asking the Lord for faith in and obedience to His gospel treasure, truth and fruit.

**Point 2: REJOICE in being NOTHING before GOD! (v. 3a)**

**Question #6**

- a) **Rd. v. 3a:** What does “poor in spirit” mean?
- b) Why must this be the foundation for all true happiness in the Lord?
- c) **Rd. Isaiah 66:1-5:** How does Isaiah display a posture of being poor in spirit before God?
- d) How come poverty of spirit, must precede all true humility?
- e) What do we really deserve? What happens when we think we deserve better than we have?
- f) Where are you thinking you are entitled to more than what you have right now? Repent and rejoice in the Lord!

**Question #7**

- a) How does remembering the gospel lead us to a place of being poor in spirit/humble before God?
- b) List some things that Jesus took on Himself on the cross that you deserved.
- c) Spend time testifying to what you have received from Jesus by grace through the cross. Here’s a good start: “I deserved\_\_\_\_\_ but now I received\_\_\_\_\_” OR “I was\_\_\_\_\_ but now I am\_\_\_\_\_”.

**Point 3: REJOICE that you POSSESS all THINGS! (v. 3b)**

**Question #8**

- a) What is the difference between the present kingdom of God and the future kingdom of God?
- b) **Rd Revelation 21:1-8:** Describe the future kingdom that awaits all true believers.
- c) How does living with this eternal/kingdom perspective, keep us happy/satisfied in Jesus now, and happy in the eternal hope that we have in Him for the life to come?
- d) What are you most looking forward to about heaven? (Besides the presence of Jesus!)

**Prayer Application**

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of Matthew 5:3...

- a) ADORATION: Jesus, You alone are the King who\_\_\_\_\_
- b) CONFESSION: Lord, I repent of my self-sufficiency in/when\_\_\_\_\_
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord, I thank you for the gift of the kingdom of heaven through which\_\_\_\_\_
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord, I ask You to deepen my humility before you in\_\_\_\_\_

*Memory Verse:*

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”-Matthew 5:3*