

Being Nothing, Owning Everything!

Text: Matthew 5:1-3

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Big Idea:

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

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

Question #2 (Context)

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

- Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- 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: _____ your _____ of _____!

Sermon Notes...

Question #4

- What is your definition of what happiness/blessing is?
- Rd Matthew 5:1-12:** How does God define happiness/blessing?
- 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?

Point 2: _____ in being _____ before _____! (v. 3a)

Sermon Notes...

Question #5

- a) **Rd. v. 3a:** What does “poor in spirit” mean?
- b) How does remembering the gospel lead us to a place of being poor in spirit/humble before God?
- c) List some things that Jesus took on Himself on the cross that you deserved.
- d) 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: _____ that you _____ all _____! (v. 3b)

Sermon Notes...

Question #6

- a) **Rd Revelation 21:1-8:** Describe the future kingdom that awaits all true believers.
- b) 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