

8-30-09 J.G. Questions

Beatitudes Wk. #2

1. What are some good things about being poor?
2. Read [Matt. 5:3](#). How does Jesus' statement in verse 3 contradict our usual idea of "blessedness" (happiness)?
3. What are some things that you have sought after in a pursuit of "internal happiness"? Did they bring you true happiness? Why is it so easy to pursue all of these types of things rather than pursuing being, "poor in spirit"?
4. It was Charles Spurgeon that said, "*Our imaginary goodness is more difficult to conquer than our actual sin*". Have you seen this to be true in your life?
5. This week I shared a few thoughts on becoming the "*Affluent Poor*". Talk as a group about these thoughts and share some of your insights.
 - **Know** the **true** you.
 - **Understand** it's not **about** you.
 - **Welcome** the **new** you.
6. Reread as a group the story of the "Rich Young Ruler" in [Luke 18](#). Focus in on verses 26 & 27. Why is it so important for us to realize that our efforts to be "Poor in Spirit" will fall short?
7. Read [2 Corinthians 3:16-18](#). How have you sensed the Lord at work in your heart? Do you feel that you are reflecting His glory in an increasing measure? Sometimes we remain sharply aware of our won failings and dependence on the Lord. In what areas do you readily acknowledge your need of God? Sometimes we are oblivious to our own poverty. In what areas to you have trouble acknowledging your neediness?
8. Before you break into pairs to pray for each other have one person jump to the end of the Sermon on the Mount ([Matt. 7:24-27](#)). Re-read these verses and then pray.