



June 7th, 2026

Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What do the scripture passages say? Read Matthew 5:1-3*

1. In Matthew 5:1–3, who is Jesus specifically teaching, and what clues in the passage help us understand the relationship between the crowds and the disciples?
 2. According to the sermon, what does Jesus mean by the phrase "poor in spirit," and how is it different from simply being materially poor??
 3. What does the sermon identify as the meaning of the word "blessed" (makarios), and how does that definition differ from the way our culture typically thinks about happiness??
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Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? How do the scriptures connect to everyday life?*

4. When have you most clearly recognized your own spiritual poverty and dependence on God? What circumstances helped you see your need for Him?
 5. The sermon argues that being "poor in spirit" is the foundation for all the other Beatitudes. How might pride, self-sufficiency, or comfort keep someone from experiencing the rest of God's Kingdom blessings?
 6. Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is both a present reality and a future hope. Where do you see evidence of God's Kingdom at work in your life right now?
 7. The sermon asks, "If we don't have a desperate need for Jesus, why would we want His Kingdom?" What practical steps can you take this week to cultivate a greater awareness of your need for Christ and dependence on Him?
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Surrender: *Responding to God's voice.*

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.
Contact the Discipleship Team, communitylife@changeportalaska.com