



## Beyond Sunday Sermon Study Series

### Engage

Share about a time in your life when you felt “unable” or “at the end of your rope.” Where did God fit into this for you?

*Have someone briefly review what they remembered from the sermon*

### Learn

**Read Matthew 5:1-10**

1. *What do you think Jesus means when he says poor in spirit?*
2. *Read Psalm 36:1-7. What does this passage have to say about the “poor man.” How does this inform your understanding of what Jesus is saying about being “poor in spirit.”*
3. *Read Isaiah 61:1-3. This is the passage Jesus quotes in the synagogue in his home town in Luke 4. What connections do you see with this passage and the first beatitude? What “blessings” come to the poor here?*

### Deepen

**“Living a full and abundant life, both now and into eternity, depends on being poor in spirit.”** Discuss this statement. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

**Describe some times in your own life that you’ve felt poor in spirit? Try and recall examples from as many areas of your life as you can. How has God met you in those times?**

**How can you practically cultivate a posture of spiritual poverty in your weekly rhythm?**

**Do you struggle with trying to look like you’ve got it all together in front of others?** What would it take for you to be able to be “poor in spirit” with others around you? What do you think are the benefits of being “poor in spirit” with each other?

### Live

Discuss how being poor in spirit might grow our church’s heart for the poor in our city. What can your group do this month to bless “the poor among us” in the name of Jesus?

Share some of the things you’re facing this week that make you feel weak, needy, or powerless. Take time to bring these things to Jesus in prayer.