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LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

August 15, 2010

Matthew's Gospel- The King and His Kingdom: *The Poor in Spirit who Mourn*

Be sure to share with your group about:

-Rodeo this Friday

-*Flip Flops and Flap Jacks* next Sunday at 10 am and then a *Family Worship Service* at 11 am for everyone

Read Matthew 5.1-4

1. What is the kingdom of heaven (God)?
2. What does Jesus mean by *blessed*?
3. What does Jesus mean by *poor in spirit*?
4. Take some time as a group and look into the lives of saints of old who were poor in spirit:
Abraham (Genesis 18.27)
Jacob (Genesis 32.10)
Moses (Exodus 3.11; 4.10-12)
-The answer to a sense of guilt, unworthiness or uselessness is not self-esteem. God didn't say to Moses, *You are somebody. You are eloquent. Stop putting yourself down.* No instead God is saying, *Stop looking at your own unworthiness and look at Me.* This is Sovereign Grace!
David (Psalm 51.17)
-This is also a good chapter as an example of mourning over your sin as well.
Job (Job 42.5-6)
Isaiah (Isaiah 6.5)
John the Baptist (John 1.27; 3.30)
Tax Collector (Luke 18.13-14)
Paul (1 Timothy 1.15-16)
5. What is the kingdom reward or blessing for those who are *poor in spirit*?
6. What does Jesus mean by *mourn*?
7. What is the kingdom reward or blessing for those who *mourn*?
8. What is your heart breaking over right now? It might be a lost job, something someone close to you is struggling with and therefore as they mourn you are mourning for them, or it could be a personal sin. Whatever it is, take it to Christ in prayer and let Him comfort you, whether it is with forgiveness or a word of hope that He will provide for you like the lilies of the fields and the birds of the air. Share with the group and let them pray for you.

Pray