

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Everything in Matthew 5:7 is about how to relate to others in a godly way. In Matthew 5:5 Jesus teaches that blessed are the gentle or meek. Meekness simply means power under control. This person does not walk around creating conflict. They are not easily provoked to anger. They patiently put up with others. How are you doing in this category and why?

And if you like read II Samuel 16:5-10, what are your thoughts on David in this story?

2. Let's do the bonus jeopardy question. Now you do not have to do this one but I hope you take a shot. Jesus began the sermon with being poor in spirit which we defined as "contrite/crushed/soft/broken/moldable." Read Psalm 37:4 The word "delight" means to be "pliable." The psalmist is telling us to be pliable in God's hands... now read Matthew 21:42-44. In your opinion how does verse 44 relate to being "poor in spirit" and to being "Pliable?"

3. Which one of the 5 points on Sunday is the most difficult for you and why?

*Recognizing our deep need for God daily own sin	*Being aware and grieving over our own sin
*Keeping my power under control in all situations	
*Crave the righteousness of Jesus instead of harsh judgmentalism	*Cultivating compassion for others

Taking It Home: What is the one thing from Sunday or tonight's discussion do you need to apply to your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS:



The HOT LIST:

Feb. 7, 2016

The Gathering for Men

Men, the next gathering will take place on Wednesday, February 17th at 7pm in the Main Sanctuary. This is a great opportunity to bond and grow spiritually as men.

Blood Drive

Our annual Blood Drive will take place on Sunday, February 28th in our parking lot. You can begin to sign-up and reserve your time at one of our iPads located at the entrance of the foyer.

Easter Festival Candy Drive

Our annual community Easter event is around the corner and we need your help! Our candy drive will begin on Sunday, February 21st. The Easter Festival is on Saturday, March 26th. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

Child Dedications

Sunday, March 6th

If you would like your child/ren to be dedicated during one of our Sunday services, please fill out a Welcome Card with your information or you can sign up at one of the iPads located at the Information Corner located at the entrance of the foyer.

Call To Action

Looking for an area to serve during our Sunday Morning Services? We are looking for men and women to serve in areas of the A/V Team, Ushers and "Ask Me" Team. No experience needed just a willing and servant's heart. Come be part of something great here at NBCC! Sign-up at one of the iPads located at the Information Corner located at the entrance of the foyer.

Water Baptisms

Sunday, February 21st

If you would like to be water baptized during one of our Sunday services, please fill out a Welcome Card with your information and shirt size or you can sign up at one of the iPads located at the Information Corner located at the entrance of the foyer.

Prayer Night

Sunday, Feb. 21st, 5pm

Join us in prayer! Tonight, we are coming together as a church body to lift up the needs of our church, community and nation. Our gathering will last for about an hour and 15 minutes. Childcare will be available.

Mark Your Calendar:

Women's Gathering - Monday, March 7th

"Journey To Manhood" Men's Group – Begins Thursday, March 17th

"Understanding Temperament" class— Begins Thursday, April 7th

**For questions and information, please call the church office
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Sunday Service Times: 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am
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The Person Jesus Blesses

Matthew 5:1-7

DISCIPLE: Learner, Student and Apprentice

The Blessed Person...

1. Recognizes Their _____ For God

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:3 (NASB)

"...I (God) dwell on a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Isaiah 57:15 (NASB)

"He has told you, O man, what is good and what does the Lord require of you. But to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 (NASB)

"Because you say, 'I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing, and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.'"

Revelation 3:17 (NASB)

2. Is Aware and Grieves Over _____

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matt. 5:4 (NASB)

3. Accepts God's Dealings _____ Without Resisting

"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth." Matt. 5:5 (NASB)

*Gentle/Meek: Power _____

"(Love)... Does not take into account a wrong suffered." 1 Cor. 13:5 (NASB)

4. _____ The Righteousness Of Jesus Christ

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

Matt. 5:6 (NASB)

LUKE 18:9-14

"... And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment." Isaiah 64:6 (NASB)

"He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Cor. 5:21 (NASB)

5. Cultivates _____ Rather Than Harsh Judgmentalism

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matt. 5:7 (NASB)

REVIEW: Read Matthew 5:1-7 Was there anything from Sunday's teaching or in reading this passage that you had questions on or would like to comment on?

1. This series is on discipleship. We defined a disciple as a "learner, student and apprentice" of a teacher, with our teacher being Jesus Christ. Jesus begins (Read Matthew 5:3) His entire teaching of the Sermon on the Mount begins with "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Pastor Jim defined this as a person who recognizes their deep need for God daily. Therefore poor in spirit must mean a "humble person." List 3 fruits of a prideful person and 3 of a humble person?

Humble _____

Prideful _____

2. What do these verses teach us about humility or its arch enemy pride?

James 4:10

Proverbs 16:18

_____ Romans

9:20-21 _____

3. Matthew 5:4 Pastor Jim defined this as a person who is aware and grieved over their own sin. Now read Luke 18:9-14 and from this story we find reasons why we tend to minimize and justify our own sins but we are quick to point out the sins of others? Explain your answer and really talk this one over as a group because this is a difference between religion and relationship with God.