

## 1. Connect

Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.

## 2. LifeJournal

Last Sunday we read Luke 22:39-46. Share your application or prayer with your group.

\*Next week pay special attention to Luke 23:32-38 as we will be discussing this verse!

## 3. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

This week we heard from Pastor Albert in the first sermon of the Red Letters series. Albert preached from Matthew 5:1-3. Read the passage and dive into the questions below.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

1. Would you say you are empty of yourself? If not, what are you "full" of that's keeping you from experiencing joy? Could it be materials, worries, jobs, people?
2. The American embassy in India is actually built on American soil. When you're there, America's laws applied to you rather than the laws of India. No matter where you are, you are in the kingdom of God. God's blessing applies to you in this world even though the world tells you to be worried, bitter, anxious, etc. Are you living on earthly soil or kingdom soil? What makes it challenging for you to live in the blessing of God, "his Kingdom soil"?

3. Albert said "Blessed are the "empty" in spirit for theirs is the kingdom. Those who are full in the flesh, theirs is the fleeting temporal things of this world." What are the fleeting things of this world you are tempted to fill up on?
4. What do you think Jesus means when he says "poor in spirit?"

#### **4. Apply: Next Faithful Step**

Albert gave us three ways to stay in a posture of desperation. Walk humbly, fight pride and walk sacrificially.

1. Tim Keller says, "we are middle class in spirit." We control our lives and call on Jesus when we need him. He didn't die on the cross to be our consultant. We have to walk humbly knowing every moment of our life occurs because of the grace of God. What does it look like for walk humbly in your day to day?
2. Is there anything blocking your ability to see your need for God? Where do you need to cut down pride?
3. When was the last time you gave where it flirted a dependency on God?

#### **5. Prayer**

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray for one another, for your families, communities, our church, and the world.

\*If anyone needs additional pastoral support or prayers regarding this sermon or any other aspect of our Praying Big Prayers series, please don't hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you.



