

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 07 Episode 08

"The Poor In Spirit"

Matthew 5:3; Luke 6:20; Matthew 6:9–14

Icebreaker:

When was a time you felt most dependent on God? How did that dependence change your perspective?

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”? How is this different from simply being “poor”?
2. Why do you think Jesus begins the Beatitudes with this declaration?
3. How do the Beatitudes serve as both a **challenge** and an **invitation**?
4. Pastor Robby mentioned that the Beatitudes teach us how to flourish **here and now**, not just in a future kingdom. How does this shift your understanding of them?
5. Why is humility the key to entering the Kingdom of Heaven?

6. How does a proper view of God naturally lead to humility in our lives?
 7. What are some practical ways people today demonstrate being “poor in spirit”?
 8. How does Luke’s version of this beatitude (“Blessed are you who are poor”) complement or expand Matthew’s version?
 9. Pastor Robby mentioned the chiasm structure of the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. Why might this literary structure help us see their deeper meaning?
 10. Why do you think the Lord’s Prayer serves as the centerpoint of the Sermon on the Mount? How does it connect to being “poor in spirit”?
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Application Questions:

1. Where do you struggle most with pride or self-reliance?
 2. What steps could you take to cultivate a greater sense of dependence on God in your daily life?
 3. How can you remind yourself this week that everything you have comes from God?
 4. How might recognizing your spiritual poverty change the way you approach prayer?
 5. In what ways can you practice humility in your relationships with others?
 6. What is one area of your life where you need to ask God for daily provision?
 7. How can you reorient your daily routine to reflect a “kingdom-first” mindset?
 8. Who in your life models being “poor in spirit”? What can you learn from them?
 9. How can your small group encourage one another to live with humility before God?
 10. What is one specific way you can practice being “poor in spirit” this week—at work, at home, or in your community?
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Prayer Prompt:

“Lord, thank You for inviting us into Your Kingdom through humility and dependence on You. Teach us to be poor in spirit—fully aware of our need for You. Help us to walk in Your strength, provision, and grace, so that our lives bring glory to You and reflect Your kingdom.”

Additional Resources for Going Deeper:

- **Book:** *The Forgotten Jesus* by Robby Gallaty
 - **Book:** *The Sermon on the Mount and Human Flourishing* by Jonathan Pennington
 - **Book:** *Rediscovering Discipleship* by Robby Gallaty
 - **Podcast:** *Making Disciples* with Robby Gallaty (episodes on humility and spiritual growth)
 - **Podcast:** *BEMA Discipleship* by Marty Solomon (episodes on the Beatitudes, Episodes 93-97)
 - **Passages for Meditation:** Matthew 5:1–12; Luke 6:20–23; Matthew 6:9–14; Philippians 2:1–11
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