

## CG Discussion Questions - Week 2 (10/6-10/12)

### Warm Up:

- Getting to know you: What is one thing you are passionate about?
- Reflection from last CG: As you continued to reflect on LAST WEEK'S community group discussion, any further thoughts that have come to mind? Or examples of how you applied Jesus' teaching in your life?
- Diving in: What was one takeaway for you from this week's sermon or from working through the journal?

### Discussion:

- Read Matthew 5:3 together. What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"?
- The Latin word used here *beatus* means "blessed or happy". The verse could be translated "Happy are the poor in spirit". What sort of happiness is this? What does it look like?
- If this verse was to be rewritten using culture's idea of happiness, what would it say? How does this mindset contrast with what Jesus said is true?
- Have three people read: Isaiah 57:15, Isaiah 66:1-2, and Luke 18:9:14. What type of person does God save, dwell with, and help? In other words, even though God is perfectly holy and all-powerful, He offers help to those who do what? (Note: "Contrite" in Isaiah basically means "crushed".)

### Application:

- That last question was a snapshot on how God defines a "poor spirit". What would it look like **this week** for us to be "poor in spirit" before God?
- Why must we be "poor in spirit" before receiving the kingdom of heaven? (Note: think about the message of the Gospel).