

## SPIRITUAL WINNERS!

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**Matthew 6:10; Matthew 5:3**

### SUMMARY:

The Theme of the Fall Huddle Series is “Living the Life!” Is serving God only good for the “sweet by & by”? What about the “nasty now and now”? We are going to examine how God wants to give us life IN THIS LIFE – how He wants to make a difference in our lives not just for eternity, but in our daily lives TODAY!

We are going to begin this by studying Jesus’ teaching on the Sermon on the Mount where He began with the “Beatitudes” – or the blessings that one can receive from living their life according to the principles Jesus taught.

The first “Beatitude” is about being “poor in spirit.”

### NOTES:

DO THE THINGS WE SAY WE BELIEVE AFFECT THE WAY WE LIVE?

Salvation is only one part of the full redemption that God has planned. Salvation is only one step in realizing the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

Everyone love’s a winner! But, everyone is not a winner and we are certainly not born winners! We are born sinners! We are born with an impulse to do wrong, but faith in Jesus and obedience to the Bible can transform us into people who do right – but that doesn’t happen until we recognize our condition –

To live the great life Jesus has planned for us involves humility – poor in spirit – killing our own pride –

### DISCUSSION POINTS:

**Introductory Question:** Do you read the Bible to back up what you already think? Or, do you read the Bible to learn more about what God says?

**Discussion:** When we pray “thy Kingdom come ... on earth as it is in heaven...” – what does that mean for our PRACTICAL everyday lives?

What are your thoughts on the philosophy that says “everyone’s a winner” in light of today’s teaching?

What will it mean for you to be “poor in spirit”? How will you live that out in your everyday life?

### APPLICATION:

What do you need to change in your life, attitudes and behavior this week in order to live by the principles taught today?

Are there “separate” areas in your life – where some areas are guided by the overarching principles or the Kingdom of God, and some areas are not? What do you need to change this week to bring into harmony with the message of “living the life”?

### ON YOUR OWN...

Read and meditate on the following Scriptures, from various translations if possible, and write down on a sheet of paper what they mean and how living by these Scriptures will look in your everyday life:

- Matthew 5:3
- Matthew 6:10
- James 4:10
- Micah 6:8