

# Lighthouse Group – Handout

**Text:** Matthew 5:3

**Sermon Title:** Not Good Enough

## Icebreaker

- Share one area of life where you've felt pressure to prove yourself.

## Scripture Reading

- Read Matthew 5:1–12 together.
- *“Poor in spirit” (Greek: ptōchos) = utter spiritual poverty, complete dependence on God’s mercy.*

## Sermon Recap

- The world says, “Prove yourself to be accepted.”
- Jesus says the kingdom belongs to those who know they’re not enough.
- To be poor in spirit is to recognize our bankruptcy before God and cling to Christ.

## Discussion Questions

### 1. Understanding Poverty of Spirit

- What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?
- How does this challenge our natural way of thinking?

### 2. The Danger of a Spiritual Résumé

- In what ways are you tempted to prove your worth to God?
- Why does Scripture call even our best deeds “filthy rags”?

### 3. Dependence in Daily Life

- What does it look like to remain poor in spirit as a believer?

- Where do you find it hardest to rely on God?

#### 4. **Already / Not Yet**

- Jesus says the kingdom is ours now, but not yet complete.
- How does this tension give hope in your current struggles?

#### Prayer Focus

- Confess pride and self-reliance.
- Thank God that Christ is enough when we are not.
- Ask for humility and daily dependence.