

# LIGHTHOUSE DISCUSSION HANDOUT

## ***Where Grace Begins – Matthew 5:4***

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

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### **1. Welcome & Icebreaker**

- What’s a “turning point” moment that changed your life?
  - When have you learned something valuable through a painful experience?
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### **2. Scripture Reading**

**Read Matthew 5:1–12 aloud (one verse each).**

Then focus on verse 4 — *“Blessed are those who mourn...”*

#### **Context:**

Jesus teaches that true blessing in God’s kingdom comes through humility and repentance.

To be “poor in spirit” (v. 3) is to recognize our spiritual need; to “mourn” (v. 4) is to grieve our sin in light of God’s holiness and receive His comfort in Christ.

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### **3. Discussion Questions**

#### **1. Confession → Contrition**

- Why does genuine mourning over sin naturally follow recognizing our spiritual poverty?
- How does this challenge our culture’s shallow view of guilt and regret?

#### **2. Two Kinds of Sorrow – 2 Corinthians 7:10**

- What’s the difference between worldly sorrow and godly sorrow?
- What kind of sorrow leads to real change?

#### **3. Mourning the World – Luke 19:41–44**

- What would it look like to mourn the brokenness in our city like Jesus did for Jerusalem?
- How can we move from complaint to compassion?

#### **4. Mourning the Church – Ezra 9:3–6**

- Why is it hard to confront sin among believers?
- What happens when the church avoids accountability?

#### **5. Mourning the Heart – Luke 22:61–62**

- What's the difference between being sorry for getting caught and being broken over sin itself?
- How does seeing our sin in light of Christ's love transform repentance?

#### **6. The Comfort of Christ – Isaiah 61; Revelation 21:4**

- How does Jesus bring comfort to those who mourn their sin now?
- What future comfort do we look forward to?

#### **7. Living with a Tender Heart**

- What does ongoing repentance look like in daily life?
- How can our group help each other stay sensitive to sin and quick to turn back to grace?

#### **Reflection:**

What's one truth or conviction God impressed on you tonight that you'll carry into this week?

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#### **4. Prayer Focus**

- Thank God that grace meets us where brokenness begins.
- Confess areas where we've grown numb to sin.
- Ask the Spirit to bring godly sorrow that leads to repentance.
- Pray for the lost in Dayton to find comfort in Christ.