

Rock Your World-Leaders Guide
-A Kingdom of Peasants-

1. Discuss: *"What do you think it means to be 'poor in spirit?'"*
(Answer) It's basic meaning comes from a Greek word to crouch or cower like a beggar.

2. (Say) *"Let's see what it means to be poor in Jesus day."*
Look up and read together: Luke 14:21; Luke 16:20-21; John 9:8

(Say), To be in abject poverty is to be utterly destitute & completely dependent on the good will of others. If nothing came they would shrivel up & die as they lay in their rotting rags. The powerful images we've read reflect what Jesus had in mind when He spoke of spiritual poverty.

3. (Ask) What do you think, according to the verses below, is the first step in getting right with God? Psalm 34:18; Isaiah 57:15; 66:2.

4. (Ask) *"Do you think this is a true statement?"* The only way to be right with God is to abandon every iota of trust in anything else and to throw myself instead on God's loving mercy.

5. What are your thoughts about this statement by C. H. Spurgeon, *"Learn this lesson-not to trust Christ because you repent, but trust Christ to make you repent; not to come to Christ because you have a broken heart, but come to him that he may give you a broken heart; not to come to him because you are fit, but to come to him because you are unfit to come. Your fitness is your unfitness. Your qualification is your lack of qualification."*

6. How is Matthew 5:3 a promise and a warning?
(Answer) It's a promise to those who have reached the end of their own resources and become beggars instead of braggarts. A warning to those who cling to the hope that they can earn their way into God's favor or retain his blessing by their own unaided efforts.

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Rock Your World-Group participant's discussion questions
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