

Luke 6:20 Blessings and Woes: The Poor

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Today towards the end of our time together, Terry talked about the ways in which Jesus identified, and talked about, the poor.

But Jesus also identified himself, and talked about other as, poor in Spirit. Read through the following examples:

- 1 Jesus was poor in Spirit enough to spend 40-days in the desert Matthew 4:1-11
- 2 Jesus was poor in Spirit enough to go early to pray Mark 1:35
- 3 Jesus was poor in Spirit enough to ask for God's help at Lazarus' tomb John 11:38-44
- 4 Jesus was poor in Spirit enough to sweat blood in the garden Luke 22:42-44

If we describe poor in spirit as in need of God's help, dependent, having no resources of their own to make it work — then yes Jesus is probably the best example of being poor in Spirit!

- **1**→ Who would you identify as poor in Spirit? Do you identify with being poor in Spirit?
- 2→ In this passage how might Jesus be seen as poor in Spirit, and in what ways does that connect to you?
- Luke 2:48-49 ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"
- 3→ In this passage how might Jesus be seen as poor in Spirit, and in what ways does that connect to you?
- Luke 23:46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.
- A → How do you see being poor, and being poor in Spirit, connected??