## Beatitudes Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit

This study guide is intended to be used for personal study and within your community group to facilitate discussion.

- (1) The Beatitudes are spoken by Jesus as an announcement, not instructions, advice, or qualifications. Have you ever considered/noticed this before? Why does this point of fact matter in our reading/study of the Beatitudes?
- (2) What does it mean to be "poor in spirit?"
- (3) Why is this announcement of the favor of God on the poor in spirit good news?
  - a. Does this good news make you uncomfortable? Why or why not?