

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide: Upside Down, part 2

1. Have you had a good dream lately? Share it with the group.

2. Read Matthew 5:1-3. Let's review. The word poor actually means _____. We are blessed when we come to the place that we realize we have _____ in our self to offer to God.

It is all about His grace and His mercy. It's not about us at all. And when that is the condition of our heart, Jesus says, then we are poor in spirit and we are blessed.

3. Matthew 5:1 "When he saw the crowds." Have you ever thought about the diversity of needs represented at Argyle every Sunday. What is your responsibility to respond?

Perhaps you should consider to be less "Me-focused".

4. Read Matthew 5:4. People not only mourn death. We also mourn the heartbreaks and disappointments of _____ life. Maybe you could share a difficult time with the group.

5. Jesus says, when we mourn, when life gets unbearable, when we get to the place we cannot take anymore on our own. Then, we are _____. Can you share an example?

6. God uses impossible situations and circumstances in our life to open up our spirit and make room in our heart so that we can experience the blessing of God's peace and know the comfort of God's _____. What does this mean to you?

7. Without pain and without _____, there's just no other way for us to know the amazing love and comfort of God. Discuss

8. Talk about the story of Job. Read Job 42:5. God uses suffering and mourning in our life to make our _____ with God grow from something fake to something real. Discuss.

9. You're blessed when you think you've lost what is most precious to you. Because only then can you be held by the _____ who truly is the most precious of all. What does that mean?

10. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3. God has promised to never _____ your pain and God has promised to never leave you alone in your time of need. How does that make you feel?

Answers: 2-bankrupt, nothing 4-everyday 5-blessed 6-presence 7-suffering 8-relationship 9-One 10-waste