# A Heart God Can Bless BLESSED: Living A Life God Blesses

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Notes

### **Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion**

1. Read Genesis 39:21, Exodus 33:15-16, Daniel 3:24-25 & Philippians 4:11-13. What evidence of God's blessing do you see in each of these verses? What seems counter-intuitive in each situation?

#### 2. Read Matthew 5:3.

Who does this verse say God blesses? What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"? What are you dependent on God for?

#### 3. Read James 4:6 and Luke 18:11-14.

How does God meet you in your dependence? What does He provide? What gets in the way of His provision? When or how have you experienced the result of a prideful heart?

What is the difference in posture toward God between the Pharisee and the tax collector? Which of them do you identify with more? Is there a place in your life where you need to depend more fully on God?

#### 4. Read John 13:34-35 and Philippians 2:3-5.

What posture must we take toward one another if we are to live as disciples of Jesus? How does Paul describe that kind of life?

What kind of posture do you have toward others? Is it consistent or does it change, depending on who you're interacting with? How do you need to grow in dependence, surrender, grace and humility?

## 5. Read Micah 6:8 and Philippians 2:6-8.

What three things does the Lord require of His people? How are these things connected? Can you do one without the others? Why or why not?

How was humility modeled in the life of Jesus? What 'rights' did Jesus give up for you? What rights would you be willing to give up that someone might experience Christ through you?

## 6. Read James 4:10 and 1 Peter 5:5-6.

What happens when you willingly humble yourself before God, before His plan, His timing, His priorities, His ways? Is it worth it? Why?

#### 7. Read 1 John 4:20.

Why is our relationship with God so inextricably linked to our relationships with people? What do your most difficult relationships tell you about where you need to grow in humility?