

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide: Upside Down, part 1

1. Read Matthew 5:1-3

Discuss the idea of "The Upside Down". That many times, God's ways are opposite of our ways. What do you think?

2. Do you think the Bible teaches that it is wrong to be rich?

Scripture does not teach that it is spiritual to be poor and wrong to be rich. But scripture does teach that certain temptations and distractions come with wealth.

3. Actually, Jesus isn't talking about finances at all?

What does it mean to be "poor in spirit?"

You are poor in spirit when you realize that you are completely, spiritually broke before God. It's when you come to the place that you know that you have nothing of worth to offer God.

4. What does the word used here for "poor" mean?

5. Read Romans 6:23. The Kingdom of Heaven refers to two things. What is one of them?

6. Read John 10:10. What is the other thing Kingdom of Heaven refers to?

7. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. Is there anything we can do to earn our salvation?

Why do people think they must be good to go to heaven?

8. Read Romans 3:23. It's not a question of whether or not you're broken.

It's just a question of whether or not you'll _____ up to it.

9. We are _____ people.

10. All those people have the same thing in common.

They're all broken and there's only one fix: _____ .

Answers: 8-own, 9-those, 10-brokenness

