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Double Blessing

Patty Santos talked about three of the beatitudes.

- 1) Blessed are poor in spirit.
- 2) Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 3) Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

When we think of poor in spirit, mourning loss, and being meek, our first thoughts can be negative, but Patty put into perspective the complete opposite. There are blessings that come along with these beatitudes.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) What is your favorite movie?
- 2) What are some things that the Holy Spirit have been guiding you towards in this season of being doubly blessed? Have you taken action? Or are you waiting for confirmation?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW (*This section never changes*)

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1) Read Luke 18:11-1 – What is the primary difference between the Pharisee and the Tax Collector? Who was the blessed man in Luke 18:14?
- 2) Have you seen God move in a tough season of mourning? What does a softened heart bring vs a callous heart in a season of mourning? Have you mourned in the presence of the Lord?
- 3) Being meek doesn't mean being weak. What does meek really mean and how is that compared to being the opposite which is entitlement?

TAKING IT HOME

When we live life with Jesus, that is what truly means being doubly blessed. It brings joy, peace, and fulfillment. Pastor Patty brought these three beatitudes to life in a different way for all of us when we see the blessings and the hope that being poor in spirit means, seeing the comfort that God gives when we mourn in His presence, and the inheriting the earth when we have strength under control. Take time to examine your heart this week. Do you recognize some sin in your life that you need God more than ever? Be the Tax Collector and recognize your sin and ask for God's mercy.

PRAYER TIME

Give a guided prayer instruction to tie it all together. Be mindful of the time it would take larger groups to get through the prayer exercise. It can be simple.

ACTION STEPS

Think of something that you can bless someone else this week with whether it be blessing them with your time or blessing them with a gift. Give a friend that you haven't talked to in awhile a call and catch up.