



# Serving in Multicultural Ministry 2022

## Session 3

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### **Key Scripture (Matt 6:9-13 KJV)**

“Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”

### **Instructional Overview**

#### **Big Ideas:**

- Greatness in leadership results from relying on God living out His ways for blessings of spiritual prosperity.
- The Sermon on the Mount guides community-forming activity for lifestyle witness as salt and light to the world.
- Within the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes inform the character of the Christ community of disciples and run contrary the values and ethics of a secular society.

#### **Essential Questions**

- What is the relationship between wearing the identity of Christ and Christian ethics as a pastoral servant leader?
- How do love, perfection, and obedience relate to the Beatitude character traits for pastoral leaders in their vertical and horizontal relationships?
- How do the seven pillars of servant of the Lord relate to your identity in Christ according to the Beatitudes (as pastoral leaders)?

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Self-assesses and interprets scriptural traits of pastoral leadership through individual and group reflections.
- Reflects and gives critical insight on the spiritual gifts and ministry of all believers in relation to the pillars.

### Three-Minute, Tag-Team Preaching

**Pillar One.** A servant of the Lord belongs to God through covenant.

**Pillar Two.** A servant of the Lord submits to His commission.

**Pillar Three.** A servant of the Lord places the future in His hands.

**Pillar Four.** A servant of the Lord follows God in faith.

**Pillar Five.** A servant of the Lord speaks gentle truth.

**Pillar Six.** A servant of the Lord trusts God.

**Pillar Seven.** A servant of the Lord prevails with His commission.

#### Directions:

- You will participate in three-minute, tag-team preaching by
  - Picking up where the person ahead of you left off in his or her sermon
  - Relating it to the pillar to the one assigned to you during session one
  - Addressing covenant and reconciliation (vertical and horizontal) from session two
  - Connecting it to the ministry in a diverse congregation
- The goal of tag team preaching is to create one cohesive and coherent sermon comprised of several individual sermonettes, each of which picks up where the preceding ends. Speak concisely, without bird walking.
- The first person launches the subject, while each subsequent will pick up where the other left off preaching. Be ready to go up immediately after the person ahead of you finishes for a smooth transition. You may bring notes with you, but try not to read from them.

## Individual Exegesis of Beatitude Character Traits

### Directions:

- First, define your assigned Beatitude character trait in your own words (without using the concordance or dictionary).
- Then, exegete your assigned character trait using the context principle with the bulleted cross-references below it.
- Write what the bulleted cross-reference means in the context of the assigned trait.
- Last, write a new and full definition of your character trait based on your exegesis using the context principle. Go deeper than your word study chart for Fruit of the Spirit.
- **See example in appendix. WORK ON CHART PAPER**

Christlike Character in Vertical Relationship w/God	Christlike Character in Horizontal Relationship w/Other
<p><b>Poor (Matt 5:3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Humble</u> (2 Chron 7:14; 33:12, 19; 34: 26-28; Prov 16:19; 29:23; Jas 1:9-10; 3:3; 4:9);</li> <li>• <u>Repent</u> (Job 42:5-6);</li> <li>• <u>Inquire of the Lord</u> (2 Chron 34:26-28);</li> <li>• <u>Contrite spirit</u> (Isa 51:17; 66:1-2)</li> <li>• <u>Brokenhearted</u> (Isa 51:17; 61:1; Ps 34:18); and</li> <li>• <u>The least</u> (Matt 11:25; 18:1-4; Jas 2:5)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Merciful (5:6)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Forgiveness</u> (Matt 6:14-15; Luke 6:35);</li> <li>• <u>Compassion</u> (Ps 112:4; Matt 18:33-35);</li> <li>• <u>Gives to the poor</u> (Ps 112:9; Prov 14:31; 19:17)</li> <li>• <u>Tenderhearted</u> (Eph 4:32)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Mourn (5:4)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Weak</u> (Ps 6:2);</li> <li>• <u>Weary</u> (Ps 6:6, 8);</li> <li>• <u>Cried/weep</u> (Ps 30:8; Luke 6:25; 7:38; John 16:22);</li> <li>• <u>Sin</u> (Ps 32:5; 40:1-2);</li> <li>• <u>Joy</u> (Ps 126:5-6; Luke 6:25; 2 Cor 7:9-10)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pure in Heart (5:7)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Clean/unclean/outward appearance</u> (Matt 23:25-28);</li> <li>• <u>Uprightness of heart</u> (1 Chron 29:17; Ps 15:2);</li> <li>• <u>Perfect heart</u> (1 Chron 29:19);</li> <li>• <u>Clean heart</u> (Ps 51:10);</li> <li>• <u>New heart</u> (Ezek 36:26-27);</li> <li>• <u>Pure heart</u> (Heb 10:22);</li> <li>• <u>By faith</u> (Acts 15:9);</li> <li>• <u>Defiled</u> (Titus 1:15); and</li> <li>• <u>Love</u> (1 Pet 1:22)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meek (5:5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Gentle</u> (Titus 3:2; 2 Tim 2:24);</li> <li>• <u>Peace</u> (Ps 37:16);</li> <li>• <u>Temperance</u> (Gal 5:23);</li> <li>• <u>Meek</u> (Matt 11:29; 21:5);</li> <li>• <u>Inner self</u> (1 Pet 3:4);</li> <li>• <u>Wisdom's gentleness</u> (Jas 3:13)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Peacemaker (5:8)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Disputes</u> (Rom 14:1-3);</li> <li>• <u>Judging</u> (Rom 14:4);</li> <li>• <u>Edify</u> (Rom 14:19);</li> <li>• <u>God's peace</u> (2 Cor 13:11);</li> <li>• <u>Love</u> (Luke 6:35; Eph 5:2; Phil 2:2);</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hunger and Thirst (5:6):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Thirst</u> (Ps 42:4; 63:1; Isa 44:3)</li> <li>• <u>Longeth</u> (Ps 84:2);</li> <li>• <u>Servants</u> (Isa 65:13);</li> <li>• <u>Drinketh</u> (John 4:14);</li> </ul>	<p><b>Persecuted (5:9):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Hate/Separate/Reproach</u> (Luke 6:22);</li> <li>• <u>Lay hands on you</u> (Luke 21:12);</li> <li>• <u>Servant</u> (John 15:20);</li> <li>• <u>Accounted as sheep for the slaughter</u> (Rom 8:36);</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Love</u> (Matt 5:44-46)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Conquerors</u> (Rom 8:37-39);</li> <li>• <u>Fools for Christ's sake</u> (1 Cor 4:10);</li> <li>• <u>Troubled/perplexed</u> (2 Cor 4:8-9)</li> <li>• <u>Trying of your faith</u> (Jas 1:2-5)</li> </ul>
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### Socratic Circle Discussion

**Directions:**

- Discuss the below questions in Socratic Circle:
  - What is the relationship between wearing the identity of Christ and Christian ethics as a pastoral servant leader?
  - Love, perfection, and obedience run through the correlating verses to each Beatitude. How do love, perfection, and obedience relate to the Beatitude character traits for pastoral leaders in their vertical and horizontal relationships?
  - How do the seven pillars of servant of the Lord relate to your identity in Christ according to the Beatitudes (as pastoral leaders)?

**Notes:**

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## Appendix 1

### Examples from Activity 3

#### Poor

##### Initial Definition

A believer in Christ with a humble and contrite spirit

##### Context Study: Poor (Matt 5:3)

- Humble (2 Chron 7:14; 33:12, 19; 34: 26-28; Prov 16:19; 29:23; Jas 1:9-10; 3:3; 4:9);
- Repent (Job 42:5-6); Retracting one's words and loathing or hating oneself for your sins in heart and life
- Inquire of the Lord (2 Chron 34:26-28); Verse 27 is the key,

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Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and because you humbled yourself before Me, tore your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you,” declares the LORD.

- Contrite spirit (66:1-2) God does not look for a person who chooses one's own ways or delights in one's own abominations, but one who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word
- Brokenhearted (Isa 51:17; 61:1; Ps 34:18); We are to minister as Jesus to the brokenhearted, captives, and prisoners.
- The least (Matt 11:25; 18:1-4; Jas 2:5) To become the least you must be like children

##### Final Definition (From *The Beatitudes: A Servant's Character in Christ*)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt 5:3 KJV). When first thinking about the meaning of the poor, a lack of material goods comes to mind. Likewise, poor in spirit reflects an emptying out of oneself



for a total dependency on God. At the most fundamental level, Jesus became poor to save humankind from sin. Once people accept Him as Lord and Savior, the richness of the kingdom of heaven blesses them with an inner condition resulting from the work of God. As the opposite of a proud or haughty spirit (PBC, p. 1884), humbling oneself before God requires dependency on Him (v. 3b). A person poor in spirit impoverishes oneself to gain the riches of spiritual wealth and prosperity that comes from God's sustenance. Inward spiritual humility and a circumcised heart shape an outward impoverished state. The external display of piety from rituals does not produce an impoverished demeanor (Lev 26:41-42). Through an impoverished state believers have the kingdom of heaven, the dwelling place of the saved steeped in the richness of grace.

Greatness in leadership results from relying on God and living out His ways in their entirety for blessings of spiritual prosperity. This does not mean that the road will come easy. God will push a leader to the limits while journeying it, but won't let one's clothes wear out or feet blister. He will make a leader go hungry, only to feed the leader with the Word (Deut 8:2-7).

## Serving in Multicultural—Session Three Homework

Due April 21,2022

### Part A. Read (Thoroughly in Reader 3)

Reader 3 with emphasis on *The Beatitudes: A Servant's Character in Christ*; *Seven Overcoming Statements*; and *A Speck in Specs*

#### NOTE:

- Paper title: Homework Three
- Follow writing, grammar, and format points found in prior class handouts and the ANLI writing handbook.

### Part A. Character in Leadership (700 to 1000 words) Self-evaluate with the writing rubric for this one.

Answer the below question through the lens of a servant pastor in a multicultural church keeping in mind the attitudes and actions of your assigned pillar. Do integrate aspects of multicultural church leadership to your essay.

**Question:** What is the relationship between wearing the identity of Christ and Christian ethics as a pastoral servant leader?

### Part B. Prayer (150-200 words)

Write a personal prayer for reflecting on the beatitudes as salt and light to the nations.

### Part C. Leadership Application (300 to 500 words)

Comment on the quote found on the next page from the perspective of a servant pastor stressing ministering in a multicultural church,

**Quote:** “To lead as servants of the Lord, believers in Christ then must surrender their former citizenship and take on the nature of the new with the eight beatitude traits. Thus, what Kingdom characteristics should its members reflect for the ideal heart character as servants? (Paron, *The Beatitudes: A Servant’s Character in Christ*, 2015, para. 1).