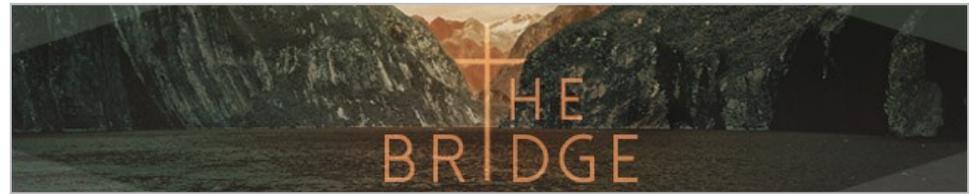


P2 (Prayer & Praise)

1. God we praise you as our Savior and Redeemer.
2. God thank you for bridging the gap between our poverty and your riches.
3. God help us and our neighbors to more deeply see our spiritual poverty.
4. Group prayer requests. (Pray for previous meeting requests and list new ones below).



#1 – Poor in Spirit
Matthew 5:3

Pastor Shawn Peterson
January 12, 2020

What do some of these words mean?
-“blessed:”

-“poor in spirit:”

-“for theirs is the kingdom of heaven:”

Why would this have shocked them? Disrupted them?

Why would Jesus give this as the opening line of his most famous sermon?

The winter session begins this week! To see a list of available groups and to sign up, stop by the Lobby today.

Come enjoy a night of gospel music on **Friday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m.** featuring The Singing Contractors! Buy tickets online.



What does it mean for us?



Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of January 12, 2020

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in the Word, growing in relationships and encouraging one another to live for the legacy of Jesus.

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1. What is the most ridiculous law you've heard?
2. Why are you in a G2 this session?
3. What's the most impactful sermon you ever heard?
4. **Pray:** Father help us to find incredible blessing in our desperate need for Jesus.

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1. Was anything else from the sermon particularly impactful to you?
2. What is the meaning of "blessed" in the Sermon on the Mount?
 - A. How is happiness related to your spiritual maturity?
 - B. What pursuits of happiness have you tried? How did they work?

3. Why would Jesus begin his most famous sermon tackling spiritual pride?
 - A. What are some "religious" rules you haven't been able to meet?
 - B. How has that impacted your spiritual happiness?
 - C. What are some religious rules that you've imposed on others?
 - D. How do you think that has impacted their spiritual happiness?
4. Your willingness to forgive others reveals your understanding of your spiritual poverty. Read Matthew 18:23-35.
 - A. What does the unforgiving servant's behavior suggest he thought about his debt?
 - B. How have you become aware of and dealt with your own spiritual pride?
5. Have you come to Jesus in complete spiritual poverty? If not, would you like to walk the bridge now?
 - A. How can you apply Matthew 5:3 to your neighborhood prayer walk?