



**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Sermon Title:** #Blessed – Poor in spirit and the merciful.

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**Big Idea/Sermon focus:**

- Week 1 – Poor in spirit – totally reliant on Jesus and nothing and nobody else.
- Week 2 – Merciful – we are blessed to be a blessing. Godly cycle of blessing and mercy at multi-levels.

**Message / key study scripture: Genesis 13:5-9**

- Reminder - In Gen. 12:2 – God tells Abraham He is going to bless him in order that Abraham will be a blessing to others.
- Read study passage (13:5-9)
- Key Verse – verse 9 (*"The whole countryside is open to you. Take your choice of any section of the land you want, and we will separate. If you want the land to the left, then I'll take the land on the right. If you prefer the land on the right, then I'll go to the left."* NLT)
- Ask: In what ways has Abraham followed the instructions of Gen 12:2 and Jesus's beatitudes in the way he conducts himself with Lot?

**Questions:**

1. #Blessed week 1 – poor in spirit

- Key verse - Msg version v3 – "3 "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule."
- How have you found the lockout time in regards to building the relationship between you and Jesus? (Check in on how everyone is going).

2. #Blessed week 2 – the merciful

- Brainstorm and discuss *doable* ideas of acts of mercy in this current season. How can we bless others out of the overflow of the blessings we have received? What setup do you currently have (practically) so you can continue your giving, or start being a giver?

**Pray with each other accordingly. Feel free to do so online as well as with your household if you live with others.**