



**CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
OF DENTON

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

1. Story of God class continues each Sunday @ 9:15AM – CVA Building.

2. Our next Members Meeting will be Sunday evening September 22nd 2013 @ 6:00PM – Location TBA.

3. The India Mission recap meeting will be held September 15th 2013 @ 7:00PM – Appleton House.

4. Interested in college ministry?  
We will be getting more involved at our local college campuses beginning this fall. Contact Marco:  
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## THE PARADOX OF BIBLICAL BLESSEDNESS

Matthew 5.3

<sup>3</sup> Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### Poor in Spirit

- What “poor in spirit” means according to Matthew 5.3
- What “poor in spirit” does not mean.

### Poor in Spirit Illustrated – Psalm 51.1-17; 2 Sam 11-12

- David – a man after God’s own heart? Really?
- The poor in spirit recognize they can bring nothing to God, but instead... v.1-6
  - Acknowledge their sin – v.1-2
  - Own their sin – v.3
  - Feel their sin – v.4a
  - Agree with God about their sin – v.4b
  - Are not surprised or scandalized by their sin – v.5-6
- The poor in spirit depend wholly on the grace of God... v.7-12
  - To make them clean – v.7
  - To restore a fresh sense of God’s presence to them – v.8-9, 11
  - To shape their hearts into conformity with His – v.10, 12
- The poor in spirit make the best missionaries v.13-17
  - They see others rightly – v.13
  - They have something to sing about and talk about – v.14-15
  - They have a message of freedom – v.16
  - They have a message of hope – v.17

**Paradox:** Growing in poverty, gaining joy.

