



Wisdom & Wonder - Dependence

Icebreaker:

1. What is your favorite TV Series? Why?
2. Who is the smartest person you know?

Summary:

We live in a world that resists, fears, and shames the very idea of being dependent. From the time we're born, we aim toward, strive for, we celebrate and work tirelessly to maintain our INdependence, whether it be financial, behavioral, relational, or even spiritual. Whatever it is, if we can't in some way sort it out ourselves, we're tempted to believe there's something wrong. This is why the opening words of Jesus' Sermon On The Mount can read like a punch in the gut. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." What would happen if, instead of fighting our dependence and trying to strong-arm our way to self-improvement, we could embrace the wisdom and wonder of our complete dependence on God? What if we could see our dependence not as some human weakness that we need to fix, but as the way we were designed and the primary way that we become the people of love that we are meant to be?

Engage the Bible:

Read Matthew 5:3 and Genesis Chapter 3 as a group. Underline key verses, and discuss as a group what stood out to you.

Small Group Questions:

- What was the first car you drove? Was it easy or difficult for you to learn?
- When you encounter a weakness or growth area in your life, how do you react?
- Do you agree with the idea that independence is an ideal that no one can live up to? Why or why not?
- In what areas of life are you most likely to resist help?
- What might it look like to walk dependently with Jesus in your everyday life? Share some ideas!
- Confidence, Courage, and Compassion - which of these can we pray for God to help you with this week?