



# Leader's Discussion Guide

**Goal:** To help participants embrace the "Great Exchange" —trading their self-sufficiency for God's fullness.

## 1. The Opening "Glitch" (10 mins)

- **The Upgrade:** Ask the group: "What happens to your phone or computer if you ignore the 'System Update' notification for six months?"
- **The Hook:** Discuss how living on the "Old Torah" (legalism/duty) causes our spiritual lives to "glitch" —we get tired, frustrated, and stuck in old habits.

## 2. The Word & The Paradox (20 mins)

- **Read Matthew 5:3 & Isaiah 57:15.**
- **The Beggar Posture:** Discuss the Greek word *ptōchos*. If we are "beggars," why does Jesus call that a "happy" or "blessed" state?
- **The Two Homes:** Isaiah says God lives in the "High Place" and the "Low Place."
  - *Question:* Which "home" is easier for you to believe in? That God is a Holy King, or that He is a roommate to the broken?
  - *Insight:* How does the "Spiritual Paramedic" image change how you view your bad days?

## 3. The Garden & The Soil (20 mins)

- **Mowing vs. Rooting:** Discuss the analogy of the garden weeds.
- **The Search:** Ask: "What is a 'weed' in your life you've been 'mowing' (trying to fix externally) for years? What would it look like to let Jesus change the 'soil' of your heart regarding that issue?"
- **Luke 18:9-14:** Compare the Pharisee (The Full Heart) and the Tax Collector (The Empty Hand). Why was the Tax Collector the one who went home "made right"?

## 4. Leader's Summary

- Remind the group: This week isn't about trying harder; it's about surrendering more. The gate to the Kingdom is low—you have to get on your knees (spiritual poverty) to get through it.