

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: Blessed

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Luke 6:17-26



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“And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. 20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. 22 Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. 24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. 26 Woe to you, when people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.’”

Sermon Outline

What Jesus Says:

- I. It is better to be poor than to be rich (Luke 6:20, 24)
- II. It is better to be hungry than to be full (Luke 6:21, 25)
- III. It is better to weep than to rejoice (Luke 6:21, 25)
- IV. It is better to be hated than to be praised (Luke 6:22-23, 26)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?
2. In Luke 6:19, Luke tells us that Jesus care for everyone who came to him for help. With whom could you give some extra time this week? Who in your life could use your care and gentleness?
3. Which of the blessings in Luke 6 were most surprising to you? Which of the woes? Why?
4. In Luke 6:20-21, Jesus says, “Blessed are the poor...and you who are hungry.” Why is it important to remember that the blessing of God isn't tied to what a person financially or physically has (or doesn't have)? What are some Biblical examples of rich people who genuinely walked with God?

5. How would you describe someone who is poor in spirit? How do they relate to God? Others? Themselves?
6. How could a person cultivate a spiritual poverty without accidentally sliding into an unhealthy self-condemnation?
7. How do you know someone hungers for righteousness?
8. How are you right now feeding your “appetite” for the things of God? What *other* appetites are you feeding?
9. How do you know you’re sorry for your sins?
10. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10. What’s the difference between “godly grief” and “worldly grief”?
11. In Luke 6:22, Luke gives four different verbs to describe the different ways people may respond to you as a Christian: they may hate you, exclude you, revile you, and spurn your name. Which have you experienced before? What was hard about that experience? How did God help you through it?
12. Why is it important to make sure other peoples’ negative reactions to us is “on account of the Son of Man”?
13. How has looking to and remembering your reward in Heaven helped you endure hatred from others?
14. How can your LIFE Group help you enjoy *and* pursue the blessings God gives?