

Jesus gives some interesting descriptors of those who are blessed for following Him. When you read poor, hungry, and weeping what do you think about that? How do those descriptors line up with your experience of following Jesus? How do you respond to persecution or suffering that comes because you are a Christian? Are you willing to suffer now to be blessed later, or do you try to avoid suffering at all costs?

Jesus fires some woes at people with descriptors that can hit close to home. How do you respond to these warnings in regards to those who are rich, full, and laughing? Is there anything in these warnings you need to heed? How much does your desire for others to speak well of you influence how you talk about and live out your faith? How often are you willing to offend God to be liked by others?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Pursuing God is the opposite of pursuing the world. You can't do both. In what areas do you need to repent of pursuing the world, and turn back to pursuing God?



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Luke 6:17-26

LIVING FOR GOD IS THE _____ OF LIVING FOR THE WORLD.

I. Followers of Christ see their _____ in loving God first. – v. 17-19

What is ____ purpose in following Jesus?

II. Followers of Christ see the _____ of loving God first. – v. 20-23

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Luke 6:17-26. Jesus makes some pretty pointed and controversial statements in the opening of His Sermon on the Plain. Why do you think He does this? What makes this opening section so hard for people to hear and receive? In what ways does Jesus's teaching run contrary or opposite to our natural instincts and desires for life?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

There are lots of different types of people listening to Jesus's sermon in this passage. How is this similar to today? What purpose or desire first brought you to Jesus? How has your purpose for following Jesus changed over your Christian life? What is your purpose for following Jesus now, and how are you pursuing that purpose?

Am I willing to _____ to be blessed later?

III. Followers of Christ see the _____ of loving the world first. – v. 24-26

Am I willing to _____ God to please myself?

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 Last Week: \$14,462
 This Month: \$14,462
 Last Month: \$62,648
 Monthly Budget: \$44,759



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