

Reflection Questions: Luke 6:20-26

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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages.

A summary of the message: In a series of short, pithy statements meant to be chewed on and reflected upon, Jesus explains to his disciples part of what the coming great reversal will look like when God's kingdom comes to set this world right side up.

Luke 16:1-15

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 all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Bottom Line: The upside down Kingdom of Jesus Christ will turn everything right side up.

Let's get started...

- What grabs your attention in this text? How are you challenged, convicted, encouraged, or surprised by this text? What initial questions or thoughts arise as you reflect on what its saying?

QUESTIONS

1. Which of these blessings Jesus spoke of to his disciples did you find most encouraging? Why?
2. Which of these "woes" Jesus spoke of to his disciples did you find most arresting? Why?
 - How would my life look differently if I were to really live out the message of this text?
4. What might it look like for our community of faith to embody the truthfulness of Jesus' teaching here? What might it look like for us if we really believed that for those who place their trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, what awaits us are the riches of God's kingdom, complete and utter satisfaction, soul-invigorating laughter, leap-for-joy kind of rejoicing, and staggeringly great rewards?
 - In other words, what kind of community of faith is this text inviting me to explore and to work towards?
5. How does this teaching from Jesus challenge the thinking of our city? It's way of life? What if finds important?