

# Blessings and Woes

Scripture: **Luke 6:20-26**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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## Overview

Most of us strive to live the “good life.” We, along with our culture, typically define the “good life” as a life of security, abundance, recognition, and pleasant circumstances. In this passage Jesus exposes that view of blessing to be deceptive and false. The gospel redefines the “good life.” The truth is that the “good life” is eternal life in Jesus Christ. True blessings are to be found in knowing God, forgiveness of sin, peace with God, and attachment to Jesus Christ. This is an important distinction because our definition of the “good life” will power and direct us in our life decisions.

## Corroborating Texts

Matthew 5:1-11; 1 Cor. 4:4-13; Psalm 40:17; 86:1; Mark 8:34; Jeremiah 5:30-31

## Discussion Questions

1. What are some common views of “the good life” and “blessedness?”
2. What is the best definition of “blessed? What is the best definition of “woe”? How does this contrast with common American understandings of blessing? How do you testify to this truth in dealing with unbelievers?
3. What life circumstances is Jesus referring to when he mentions the poor, the hungry, and the persecuted? How about the rich, full, and popular?
4. How are we blessed and suffering simultaneously? Seems to be contradictory.
5. What is our hope and comfort? How do we persevere through dark providences?
6. Reflect on our weeping turning into laughter. Where will this explosive joy come from?
7. Reflect on the “party culture” that surrounds us. How do we keep a balanced view of blessings?