

Blessings and Woes - Luke 6:17-26

Topics: Basics of the Faith, Believers, Blessing, Challenge, Comparisons, Consequences, Encouragement, Future, Insults, Joy, Opposition, Persecution, Poor, Suffering, Wealth

Open It

- * 1. What is the largest crowd that you have ever been a part of?
- 2. What significant worship experiences have you had in a large group?
- 3. Who is your favorite public speaker?

Explore It

- 4. What different groups made up the crowd to which Jesus gave this sermon? (6:17)
- * 5. What effect did Jesus' presence have on the crowd? (6:18-19)
- * 6. Why did the crowd gather? (6:18-19)
 - 7. Besides Jesus' message, what else was going on that day? (6:18-19)
 - 8. To whom did Jesus specifically direct His message? (6:20)
 - 9. What four groups did Jesus single out for receiving a blessing? (6:20-22)
 - 10. How did the promised blessings vary to fit the character of each group? (6:20-22)
 - 11. What blessings did Jesus promise then and which ones did He promise for the future? (6:20-23)
- * 12. What response to hardship did Jesus encourage His disciples to have? (6:23)
- 13. Who were the disciples to think of as examples during times of suffering? (6:23)
- 14. What times and places did Jesus give for the blessings He promised? (6:23)
- 15. What four groups did Jesus single out for woes? (6:24-26)
- 16. How did the woes vary to fit each group? (6:24-26)

Get It

- * 17. What contemporary groups resemble the ones Jesus spoke to in this sermon?
- 18. For what different reasons are people interested in Jesus Christ in our times?
- 19. To what conditions other than material poverty could Jesus have been referring when He said, "Blessed are you who are poor"?
- * 20. What effect do you think Jesus' words had on the crowd?
 - 21. If you had been a rich and famous person in Jesus' day, how would you have reacted to His sermon?
 - 22. In what specific areas of life do Jesus' promised blessings and woes touch you?
 - 23. In what way are these words of Jesus comforting?
 - 24. In what way are these words of Jesus challenging?

Apply It

- 25. What is one way you can store up rewards in heaven this week?
- 26. In what way can you nurture the qualities that Jesus described as blessed?
- * 27. Whom can you encourage with Jesus' words this week?