

The Blessed & the Tragic Luke 6:20-26

Jesus describes two ways of living.

I. The Blessed

Immensely fortunate, greatly happy, & having the capacity to greatly impact others.

1. Blessed are the righteous poor.
2. Blessed are the righteous hungry.
3. Blessed are the righteous who weep.
4. Blessed are the righteous who are persecuted for Christ.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

Matthew 16:24

For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake

Philippians 1:29

II. The Tragic

A lamentation, woe or tragic and sad declaration

1. Woe to the rich who are bankrupt.
2. Woe to the satisfied who are empty.
3. Woe to those who live for the superficial.
4. Woe to those popular with the world.

Questions for this week:

I. For Starters:

1. What words would you use to describe how blessed you are?
2. Does it ever bother you that others are not as blessed as you are? What do you do with those thoughts/feelings?
3. If someone asked you why you are so blessed-what would be your answer?

II. Overview of Scripture

1. Read Luke 6:12-26
2. To whom was Jesus speaking? (20)
3. What four groups are truly blessed? (20-23)
4. Why might it sound odd in today's world that these four groupings are blessed?
5. Which grouping is promised great blessing in heaven?
6. How are we to respond to trials and persecution? (23)
7. What group of people set are good models to remember when we are done wrong? (23)
8. What four groupings are living a tragic life?(24-26)

III. Growing deeper

1. Review Sunday's message with someone.
2. If you were living in Jesus' day and you were rich and "well off" without God how do you think you would you have responded to His message?
3. Pray for one another.