

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What stood out to you about the sermon?
2. What did you like? What made you uncomfortable?

### Read Luke 6:17-26

3. How have you understood the Beatitudes in the past? What were you taught about them?
4. Read the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12. Compare the two teachings. What is the same/similar? What are the differences?
5. Why do you think Luke focuses so much on money and status in his Gospel?
6. In what ways does the church exemplify the values of the Kingdom of God in the Beatitudes? In what ways can we be more in line with Jesus' Kingdom?
7. In what ways does your own life exemplify the values of the Kingdom of God (vs. the Kingdom of this World)? In what ways can you bring your life into alignment with Jesus' Kingdom?

### Coming Up:

**Jan 31-Feb 6:** Luke 6:37-45

**Feb 7-13:** Luke 8:1-15

**Feb 14-20:** Luke 8:40-56

**Feb 21-27:** Luke 9:18-26

**Feb 28-Mar 6:** Luke 10:25-37

**Mar 7-13:** Luke 11:37-54



# THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO LUKE



## Beatitudes

Luke in review:

- Jesus' trials in the wilderness (4:1-13)
- Jesus' ministry is characterized by spiritual and physical "release" from captivity (4:14-30)
- Jesus was criticized by the religious leaders because he didn't follow their traditions of separating himself from "sinners."

No one likes to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke shows us the pattern of Jesus' ministry:

1. He goes away to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Then he \_\_\_\_\_.

## Scripture: Luke 6:17-26

### The Sermon on the Plain

The people came from all around to:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus teach.
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (or cured) of impure spirits.

He was establishing his \_\_\_\_\_ as Messiah.

Jesus' ministry was characterized by both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Scene:

Three groups of people:

1. Jesus' 12 \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The larger group of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is speaking to \_\_\_\_\_.

Two Kingdoms:

| The Kingdom of this World                  | The Kingdom of God   |
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| Wealth and power = _____ & _____           | Wealth and power are _____.                                  |
| The Kings of this world _____ it over them | The one who _____ should be the one who _____ . (Luke 22:26) |

## Blessed are the Poor (vs 20-22)

People are not blessed *because* they are \_\_\_\_\_, the poor are blessed because Jesus has formed a community where social and economic status do make you right with God.

Being a part of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ means living by the \_\_\_\_\_ of that community.

The people of the world should look at us funny because we do not fit into their \_\_\_\_\_.

They always do this to people who are \_\_\_\_\_. (vs 23)

## Woe to you who are rich! (vs 24-26)

Jesus' point:

Money and status are unique \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to dependence on God.

The more this life is like \_\_\_\_\_ for you, the less you need a heaven in the \_\_\_\_\_. (vs 24)

### Takeaways:

- We must cultivate a culture of \_\_\_\_\_, actively looking for opportunities to support the poor.
- We must not give preferential treatment or great decision-making power to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We value the wisdom and contributions of the financially \_\_\_\_\_ as much as the rich.
- Remember that this \_\_\_\_\_ is not all there is.
- We must be a community that bears witness to the good news of the Kingdom in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.