



MESSAGE REVIEW

Jesus returns from a night of prayer and the choosing of the twelve apostles, bringing with Him teachings for a new community. Instead of living for what the world tells us to chase after, Jesus teaches a completely different value system for this new community. Followers of Jesus will be marked by humility, generosity, sacrifice, and a mindset focused on God's kingdom.

WARM UP QUESTION

What was the best season of your life? When did you love life?

1 **Read Luke 6:17-23.** Describe the scene and what has just happened to bring Jesus to this point. Why do you think Jesus decided to make this one of the first teachings He gave His disciples?

2 What do you think Jesus' original audience was expecting to hear Him say about who is blessed? Talk about each blessing in vv. 20-23 and how each describes an attitude or posture we take toward ourselves, others, and God. What is the reward that follows each?

3 **Read Luke 6:24-26.** Compare each sorrow that Jesus mentions with each blessing from the previous verses. How does each sorrow also describe an attitude or posture of our heart? How do you see the value system of those in vv. 24-26 played out in our world today? What is the end game for each one?

4 If someone asked how you know if your life is going well, what would you say? Would any of the values expressed in these verses be markers for you? Of the four values represented in vv. 24-26 – money/power, comfort, success, and recognition – which one trips you up the most? What does it do to your view of God and others?

5 What is the main point of Jesus' parable in vv. 33? Why is forgiving others so hard? Talk Why is having a kingdom mindset so important for our effectiveness in sharing Jesus with others? How is it the true marker of being part of a new community?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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