



**Week 8**

**Sermon Series:** Lessons from the Sinless Savior

**Sermon Title:** TBA

**Sermon Text:** Luke 6:17-26

**Group Week of:** September 10, 2023

**Sermon Date:** September 17, 2023

<b>Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies</b>	
<b>Day 1</b>	The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-12
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<b>Day 4</b>	Rejoicing in Persecution – Acts 5:17-42
<b>Day 5</b>	Warning the Rich – James 5:1-6

**The Text:** Luke 6:17-26

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great  
is your reward in heaven. For that is how their  
ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have already received your comfort.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now,  
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false  
prophets.

**Textual Questions**

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) that you see Jesus teaching in this passage?
- 2) Why does Jesus declare that those who suffer are blessed?
- 3) Why does Jesus declare woes upon those who appear to be flourishing?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) What does it mean if God says to someone, "You are blessed"?
  
- 2) What does it mean if God says to someone, "Woe to you"?
  
- 3) What is the link between the following:
  - i. Spiritual poverty and physical poverty
  
  - ii. Spiritual hunger and physical hunger
  
  - iii. Spiritual sadness and physical depression
  
- 4) We know that not everyone who is physically poor, hungry, or depressed will be saved. Therefore, Jesus is talking not so much about the physical, but rather, the spiritual. With this in mind, how is spiritual poverty, hunger, and sadness a blessing?
  
- 5) How do wealth, food, and laughter become a stumbling block that keep us from experiencing spiritual poverty, hunger, and sadness?
  
- 6) By the standards of human history, there has never been a people more filled with the comforts of this world than the American people.
  - i. What obstacles does this present in evangelism?
  
  
  - ii. What obstacles does this present in your own walk with Christ?
  
- 7) In verse 23, Jesus says that those who are persecuted for His name should rejoice and leap with joy. The Christian is called to an absurd kind of joy and delight in the midst of suffering in this life. First, explain how such a thing is possible. Second, honestly say whether or not you are experiencing that kind of joy and why you think that is.