

Luke 6:12 – Upside Down Kingdom

(1) Jesus' Begins the Revolution.

- ❖ Pray hard when making decisions, but don't be surprised if God still ordains difficult relationships.
- ❖ Apostle = Military officer sent out to fight, or with terms of peace.
- ❖ Mountains were places where revolutions began.

(2) Jesus Describes the Results of His Revolution

- ❖ Jesus' poor (oppressed) disciples are blessed because they will be raised up in His coming Kingdom.
 - Most Jews were very poor because of oppression. Many paid almost 50% of their income in taxes and were barely getting by.
- ❖ But their rich oppressors will be brought down.
 - "Laugh" in v25 means "to gloat" or "laugh with scorn."

(3) Jesus Describes the Methods of His Revolution

- ❖ Love Your Enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who mistreat you. Pray for those who curse you. Let them insult you without retaliation. Don't just let them take from you, give to them willingly.
- ❖ It is natural to reciprocate kindness. But Jesus' disciples are called to display the supernatural grace of God.
- ❖ The evidence that God is your father is family resemblance, especially by sharing his most defining characteristic of mercy.



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Ice Breakers

- (1) Share how you are doing and pray for each other.
- (2) Have you ever booked a vacation spot, and been very surprised (either positively or negatively) when you got there?

Digging Deeper & Living Out

- (3) Read Luke 6:12-19 and Point 1. Jesus prayed hard for God's guidance when choosing his apostles, and God led him to choose Judas. Why? What might this tell us about God's priorities when we ask Him to help us make a "good" decision?
- (4) Read Luke 6:20-26 and Point 2. These beatitudes often strike wealthy Americans as weird or harsh. But poor Christians suffering under oppression and persecution need more than just Disney platitudes and the "American Dream" to have hope. Explain how the Beatitudes offer hope, as well as a warning.
- (5) Read Luke 6:27-36 and Point 3. The cycle of human history is that the oppressed rise up and become the oppressors. Why is Jesus' revolution of love the only solution?
- (6) If a Caucasian couple had an Asian baby, we would naturally assume that the father is not the biological dad. How does this apply to a Christian who does not show supernatural love and grace to others?
- (7) Are there any situations in your life where you feel oppressed? How is Jesus calling you to respond, based on this passage?