

LUKE 6:20-26 | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Was there anything about the sermon today you'd like to discuss further? Anything that stuck out to you or that you wanted clarification on?
- 2. While there are spiritual parallels to blessings and woes mentioned by Jesus in this text, application also applies in the physical/visible realm. How so?
- 3. Think about your personal finances. Why would Jesus say it is blessed to be poor and a danger to be rich? What does Jesus mean by "you have already received your consolation?"
- 4. It's not impossible to be rich and be a Christian but, according to Jesus, it is more difficult. Why is that? How can we protect ourselves from that danger?
- 5. Compared to the rest of the world, Americans have a more "comfortable life." What's the danger in it? What's the right response to our elevated standard of living? How do we avoid things like false piety, greed, or ingratitude?
- 6. Think about your reputation and the degree to which you worry about it. Why would Jesus say we are blessed to be persecuted for his name's sake? What danger is there doing whatever it takes to be well-liked by people?
- 7. What are Christians most likely to be persecuted over in our day and age? How should we move forward in effectively reaching our culture without compromising the truth?
- 8. These blessings and woes surface two areas of unbelief in the human heart: fear and ingratitude. In what ways might you need to repent of these things in light of Jesus' teaching on this passage?
- 9. In light of today's message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take today so that you apply the Word to your life? How can we help?