

**This Week's Sermon**  
**FOR CHRIST'S SAKE**  
**Luke 6:20-26**

1. Jesus is inviting His disciples to a life of risk and loss and saying that it will be worth it in the long run, that those who suffer for the sake of the Son of Man will have no regrets, but rather look on that suffering as a blessing.
2. In other words, there is no nobility in being poor and sad, nor is there a curse in being rich and happy, but permanent happiness and treasure come from an association with the Son of Man.
3. This is why the tithe is important for it breaks the seal on the lock box of our hearts.
4. Jesus is saying that the Jewish believers of His day are better served if they are hated, opposed, starved, and made poor by their own countrymen for this puts them in the company of the prophets of old, through their association with Jesus, the Son of Man.

## Community Group Questions:

1. Read Luke 6:20-26 aloud.

What do you find most challenging about Jesus' words?

2. Read MAP point 1 & 2. Have you ever considered suffering for the sake of Christ to be a blessing? Why or why not? What is keeping you from seeing the truth of Jesus' statement?

3. Read MAP point 3. How is generosity for your benefit before it is a benefit for the church and others?

4. Read Hebrews 11 together as a group. What's the connection between Hebrews 11 and MAP point 4?

Application:

Is there a TV, radio or podcast "preacher" you need to stop listening to because what they teach is contrary to Jesus' teaching?

What attitude or "treasure" in your life needs to be changed or abandoned for the sake of following Christ?