



To Glimpse the King and Kingdom – Luke 6:12-23

Luke 6 gives us a glimpse of the Kingdom Jesus has come to bring. The God whose holiness made Sinai tremble comes down and stands among ordinary, broken, needy people—and instead of keeping his distance, he brings healing, freedom and life.

In this message we hear Jesus' promise to everyone who comes to him with broken hearts and empty hands - the poverty, hunger, grief and pain we experience now will not be the final word. One day, his Kingdom will come in fulness and "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".

For personal reflection/ community discussion:

1. Jesus — the God of Sinai, the fire and the thunder — comes down and stands on the same level as the diseased, the addicted, the morally bankrupt people from Tyre and Sidon — and "he healed them all."

What picture of God do you instinctively carry: distant and demanding, or near and compassionate? What would change in your life if you really believed that Jesus doesn't stand over your brokenness, but comes into it? (Where in your life right now might you be keeping your distance from him, convinced that what you're carrying is too broken or too shameful to bring close — and what would it mean to actually run to him with it today?)

2. Jesus says, "Blessed are you who are poor... who are hungry now... who weep now." *Where are you currently experiencing the gap between the world as it is and the world as Jesus promises it will be? How might the hope of his coming Kingdom change the way you carry that pain today? If you genuinely believed that this ends well, how would you live differently this week? What fear, disappointment or suffering do you need to place inside the larger story of Jesus' coming Kingdom?*

3. The people coming to Jesus have nothing to offer him—they are simply reaching out to receive. *What makes it difficult for you to come to Jesus with empty hands? Where are you still trying to prove yourself, fix yourself, or bring something to God rather than simply receiving his grace?*

Listen to [this setting of this 18 century hymn by Joseph Hart](#). Consider Jesus; our infinite Creator, standing among the broken, reaching to us in our deepest need.

(If that link doesn't work: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giYEScxGYic>)