

Gratification

LUKE 6:20-26

Jesus promises **blessings** to those who **follow** Him through **hardship** (vv 20-23)

Jesus promises future **curses** to those who do not **follow** Him despite present **comfort** (vv 24-26)



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read through the Beatitudes (Luke 6:20-23). Which of these blessings sticks out the most to you?
2. How should we think about poverty, hunger, and sorrow in light of this passage? Romans 8:12-18; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Philippians 1:29.
3. Read Luke 6:22-23. Consider what it looks like to rejoice and leap for joy when you are reviled by others? What would being hated and reviled look like today, compared to in the 1st century?
4. Read Luke 6:24-26. Which of these woes stand out to you the most?
5. How do you answer these questions:
 - a. Do I feel in my heart that everything that I have comes from God?
 - b. When something unexpected comes my way, do I reach for my Bible or my wallet?
 - c. When I need wisdom, do I seek God in prayer, or call seek Google?
 - d. Would I give up my comfort, and my stuff, if it meant having Jesus?
 - e. Do I soften my Christianity around certain people so that they will like me more?
6. How do you balance Luke 6:26 with other passages like Romans 12:18, 1 Timothy 3:7, and 1 Peter 2:12. How are we to behave in the world? How should we aim to be thought of?
7. How can you follow Jesus more humbly in your current circumstances? Philippians 3:1-11

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