



BLESSINGS AND WOES  
LUKE 6:20-26  
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## I. Introduction

Like wind in the sails on a ship... Jesus drives His followers forward in the knowledge that they need God, and that life is worth living if it is lived for Him.

## II. The Desperate for God (vv. 20-22)

- a. The blessed by God are those followers who are experiencing hardship.
- b. A blessed state that is bound in sacrifice for the kingdom of God.

## III. Rewards of Seeking God (vv. 22-23)

- a. The future reward of the follower of Christ is in heaven.
- b. Joy is the immediate reward of pursuing and trusting God.

## IV. The Seduction of the Here and Now (vv. 9-10)

- a. Satisfaction with what the world has to offer is its own reward.
- b. Contentedness in the world is short lived in the face of God's judgement.

## V. Conclusion

If we cling to the pleasures of this world, then we will experience a marked lack of reward in eternity and even God's judgement. However, if we pursue Jesus with desperation, then our reward will be eternal and our current joy will be real.



CEFC Sermon Based Small Group  
Week of: October 7<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Title: Blessings and Woes  
Text: Luke 6:20-26

### **Kick Starters...**

1. What is something that you have had to make a plan to work for and then obtain?
2. What impact did that decision make in your life?

### **Entertain the text**

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list any significant observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over.

### **Engage the text**

4. Read Philippians 3:7-11. Why do those who seem to be desperately in need of God receive His blessing? (v. 20-22)
5. Discuss what it would look like for you to be poor, hungry, weeping, or hated as a follower of Christ. (v. 20-22)

6. Why do Christians and non-Christians alike tend to live like there are no blessings and rewards (v 23) for following Christ, but instead they act like there is only sacrifice?

7. How do we focus on living the joy that is expressed in verse 23? (James 1:2-4)

8. How do we avoid seeking after the comforts of this world? (v 24-26)

### **Execute the text**

9. Together, discuss practical ways that we can keep our desire to follow Christ strong.

10. As a group, discuss things that you need God's help to let go of so that you can better focus on Christ. Pray for these things together as a group.

#### **SBGG Sermon Based Growth Groups**

Hendrychs/Larson  
Sunday 4pm @ Larsons

Smith/Olejnik  
Wednesday 6pm @ Smiths

Fritzsche/Grosskopf  
Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC

Difino/Schwenk  
Wednesday 6pm @ Schwenks

Billington/Reuter  
Friday 7:00pm @ CEFC