

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

March 15, 2020

The Upside-Down Way of the Kingdom:
Part 1
Luke 6:17-26
Pastor Kim Skattum
Kim.Skattum@crossroadsabc.com



NOTES

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our life group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)
2. Share your story ... *Describe a time when you believed something that turned out to be completely false. What did it feel like to discover the truth?* (7-10 min)
3. Read Luke 6:17-26
4. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)

All the crowd sought to touch [Jesus], for power came out from him and healed them all. (Luke 7:19)

What draws people to Jesus today?

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.” (vs. 19-21)

What does it mean to be poor, hungry, and weepy here? Are these metaphors for something bigger? Explain.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.” (vs. 22-23)

What are some of the subtle and not-so-subtle ways that Christians are excluded today? What's the best way to respond when we discover that this is happening?

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.” (vs. 24-26)

Wealth, Being Full, Laughing, Well-Spoken-Of ... How do these good things go bad? How can we prevent that from happening?

PLAN OF ACTION

Pick one of the Beatitudes and commit to fully living it out this week. What will be different?



Watch sermon
On Demand
[crossroadsabc.com/
sermons](https://crossroadsabc.com/sermons)