GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)

2. Share your story ... Describe a time when you experienced significant spiritual and personal growth by making it through a difficult trial. Who was there with you? (7-10 min)

- 3. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)
- 4. Read Luke 6:20-26.

And [Jesus] lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "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. (Luke 6:20-21)

What are some literal and figurative ways that Christians can experience being poor, hungry, or sad?

How is it possible for believers to experience a Spirit-filled sense of wellbeing, even though these things may be happening to them?

"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. (Luke 6:22-23)

How have Christians experienced hostility and exclusion in our culture?

"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. (Luke 6:24-26)

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 community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?



Watch On Demand crossroadsabc.com/ sermons In what sense is securing enough money to live, good food, having fun, and enjoying a good reputation an expression of God's blessing and human flourishing?

What sinful changes in perspective can make these things unhealthy and spiritually dangerous for us?

PLAN OF ACTION

Be sure you're in a community group this fall to avoid isolation and share in the blessings and challenges of others.