

UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

Luke 6:17-26

Normal Longings	The Disciple's Reality
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The blessings of the kingdom of God:

The disciple's secret to _____ is to allow _____
 _____ to dictate _____.

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION ON LUKE 6:17-26

1. Verses 17-19 describe the context of this passage. What do you think the disciples were feeling while all this ministry success was occurring? What do you think they were envisioning for their futures as Jesus' closest associates?
2. This is most likely the same sermon as was given in Matthew 5-7, though the Matthew account is more detailed (Luke's account is likely a summary or briefer statement Jesus gave from his longer 'sermon on the mount'). Therefore, you can refer to Matthew 5:3-12 for the parallel account. In this account, Jesus says poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecutions are blessed by God. Describe how these things are experienced in the believer's life today:
 - a. Extreme poverty (spiritual) –
 - b. Extreme hunger (unfulfilled longings) –
 - c. Weeping (great sorrow) –
 - d. Persecutions –
3. What is the "that day" in verse 23 – the day of persecution or a day in heaven?
4. What promises does Jesus make to His followers when they experience these things?
5. Are these promises future (in heaven) or present? Explain.
6. Discuss the statement: "The disciple's secret to contentment is to allow future realities to dictate present emotions."
 - a. In what ways is applying this wisdom hard?
 - b. What beliefs and practices about feeling blessed need to change in your life?