

# Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Scripture: Luke 6:20-26



## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Divine blessedness is the inner joy, serenity, peace, inner satisfaction, and composure from knowing that we are right with God.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Who is Jesus addressing in this sermon on the plain (verse 20)? How does that aid our understanding and application of this passage?
- What does he mean by “blessed” (verse 20b; Psalm 32:1)? Contrast Jesus’ definition with our current cultural understanding of blessedness.
- Who are the poor that Jesus addressed, and what do they possess that characterizes them as divinely blessed (verse 20b)?
- What does Jesus mean by the word “woe” (verses 24-26)? Discuss how material wealth often blinds us to our dependence on God (Luke 16:13). What is the consequence of trusting in the material “securities” of this world above Christ?
- Where does the world turn to fulfill its hunger? Why, and what is the inevitable result (verse 25)? Discuss how the gospel frees us from the futility of seeking satisfaction in temporary things.
- Why is weeping an unavoidable experience for all people, especially Jesus’ disciples (verse 21b)?
- Who are those whom Jesus describes as “laughing now” (verse 25b)?
- For the Christian, when can we anticipate that all sorrow will be replaced with eternal joy? Discuss how the gospel produces present joy and laughter even amidst suffering.
- Have you been reviled because of your devotion to Jesus and love for your neighbor? Why can we rejoice in our rejection rather than fear it (verse 23)?