



Following the Leader - Study Guide for the Teaching Series

Week 7 – Sunday 25th October 2020 - Luke 6.17-26

Some introductory and background reading – please read Genesis 12.1-3 for God's Promise which Jesus' fulfils. And please read Daniel 7.13-14 which connects with the term 'Son of Man' that Jesus most commonly uses about himself, including in v22 of our passage.

Please read **Luke 6.17-26**

1. How does Jesus' setting out the terms of the New Covenant here compare to the old covenant set out by Moses in **Deuteronomy 29.10-13; Deuteronomy 30.16-20**?
2. Matthew's version of Jesus' Blessings of the new covenant states, "Blessed are the poor in spirit", whereas Luke's emphasis simply states, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." How (and why) is Luke's emphasis different to Matthew's emphasis?
3. How can the emphasis of Black Lives Matter be compared to Luke's emphasis here? Please read **Luke 14.7-14**.

*This speaks about Jesus' active invitation and welcome to those whom society often excludes. Let's be clear - without obedience to Jesus, listening and holding fast to Jesus, there is no access to the Kingdom for anyone, but the emphasis in Luke is also clear...The Good News of Jesus Kingdom **IS** Good News for the poor. Is the Kingdom of God only for the poor? No – but the Kingdom of God **IS FOR** the poor. (Book recommendation – Tim Chester, Good News for the Poor. IVP)*

4. How might you as an individual, or as a family, or we as a church community follow our leader's leading in our lives?
5. Please read Luke 6.21-23 and Acts 2.42-45. What are the future and present ways in which the Kingdom of God will be (and presently should be) a blessing to the poor, hungry and sad?
6. How is God speaking to you as you consider your covenant with him? What action is needed?