



Following the Leader - Study Guide for the Teaching Series

Week 8 – Sunday 1st November 2020 - Luke 6.17-26 (Part 2)

Please read **Luke 6.17-26**

1. Read again verses 22-23. Why would Jesus' apostles, and many of the Christians in the early church, be encouraged by this teaching?
How might Christians today relate to this teaching of Jesus, and be encouraged by it too?
2. How does Jesus' teaching here compare with the common perception of the 'blessed' life?
How do the 'rewards' compare?

Read again Luke 6.24-26; Luke 12.15-21; Luke 16.19-23

3. How would you describe the characteristics of 'the rich' in these stories Jesus told?
How do Jesus' stories from these passages help make sense of Jesus' teaching in Luke 6.24-26?
4. What is the heart of Jesus' message to 'the rich' here?
5. It is perhaps tempting for us to think that, although we may be relatively rich, we're not as horrible as the rich people in Jesus stories! Therefore, we conclude, his teaching here doesn't apply to us at all. Why would that be wrong? And how might we apply this teaching to ourselves appropriately?

Please read Luke 19.1-10; Luke 3. 8,10-14

6. What makes the rich people in these stories different? When salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus, why is his response so significant?
7. Why do you think this strand of teaching about 'the rich' and 'the poor' is so prominent in Luke's gospel as a way of him telling us the story about Jesus and the Good News of his Kingdom?