

Deeper Riches: Luke Discussion Guide
Week 6 - Luke 6:12-49

Small Group Discussion Guide:

1. What is the difference between an *apostle* and a *disciple*? What stands out to you about the twelve apostles that Jesus chose in Luke 6:14-16?
2. How do Jesus' words in Luke 6:20-26 compare to what you would normally consider to be "the blessed life"?
3. The greek word translated "woe" is an expression of grief or denunciation. Why might Jesus express grief over disciples whose lives are characterized by wealth, good food, laughter, or acceptance? Is it wrong to have these things? What point do you think Jesus is making in Luke 6:20-26?
4. What do you have to believe about God in order to love your enemy, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you?
5. In Luke 6:29-34, Jesus seems to tell his followers they should be willing to be abused, deprived, and taken advantage of. How do you feel about this?
6. God never gives us a command without also giving us a reason to obey it. According to Luke 6:32-36, why should Jesus' followers be willing to live this way? What is our motivation?
7. How does Jesus' teaching in Luke 6:37-38 challenge or encourage you personally?
8. Consider Luke 6:37-42 all taken together. Is Jesus teaching that you should never point out another person's sin?
9. How does Luke 6:43-49 impact your understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus?
10. How does this teaching of Jesus compare with the kinds of rules the Pharisees were concerned with in Luke 5:1-6:11? Which teaching is easier to follow?

What is your big take-away from this passage or this discussion? Is there anything you need to confess or yield to God in response to this Truth? What will you praise God for? What will you ask God to do?