

## ULC Sermon Study Resource

*The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Teaches Pt. 1*

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**Prayer:** Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

**Icebreaker:** What are you most looking forward to this summer?

**Reading:** Luke 6:20-36

### Outline:

- I. Who we are (v. 20-26)
  - a. Jesus tells his disciples that in God's kingdom the poor, hungry, and hated are blessed.
  - b. It is tempting for those who are rich, full, happy, and well-liked to value the things of this world over the things of the kingdom of God.

**Q: Does Jesus mean that if you are rich or happy you cannot be a disciple? Why not?**
- II. What we do (v. 27-31)
  - a. We fail to do what Jesus teaches in these verses, but we are still called blessed.
  - b. Our identity shapes our activity. Because we are people who are blessed, we show love to others.

**Q: What is unique about the way Christians are supposed to live?**
- III. Who God is (v. 32-36)
  - a. There is no principle of reciprocity of God. He simply loves and extends mercy to everyone.
  - b. When we understand that depth of God's love for us, it makes sense that we would live our lives with love, mercy, and generosity for others - even our enemies.

**Q: Why does Jesus say we should show mercy to others?**

### Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) How do you deal with the temptation to value success and wealth above all else?
- 2) What do you think about the ethic that Jesus describes in v. 27-31? Which teaching here resonates with you the most?
- 3) How do you feel about the impossibility to maintain the teachings in v. 27-31?
- 4) How does the Christian ethic go beyond other ethics that the world follows?

### Suggestions for further study:

- Romans 5:10 **Q: How much did God love us while we were his enemies?**
- Matthew 5:1-12 **Q: How do these verses compare to our reading for today?**
- Matthew 19:23-26 **Q: How does this echo Jesus's teachings in v. 20-26 from today?**

**Closing Prayer:** Lord Jesus, we thank you for teaching us how to live and what it means to be fully human. You came and you called us blessed, not because of what we do, but because of who you are. Jesus you came so that God's enemies might become His family. As we reflect on that reality and as we learn from your teaching, we pray that we would extend love and mercy to a world that so desperately needs it. We pray this in your holy name, Amen.