

The Preaching and Parables
Luke 6:17-39

Weekly Key Scripture:

Luke 6:20-38

Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Weekly purpose statement for leaders:

This week our groups will come to understand how Jesus presentation methods allow us to approach deep and difficult concepts and learn from them. Groups will be challenged to wrestle with what it means to actually live life like Jesus.

Ice Breaker Question:

What's your favorite funny childhood story to tell?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why do you think “story” was such a huge part of Jesus teaching methodology?**
- 2. Take a moment and picture the actual setting of the Sermon on the Mount. Describe the settings you visualized to the members of your group. What do you imagine differently?**
- 3. Which of the beatitudes is your favorite? Why do you think you gravitate to this one?**
- 4. Which of the “Woe” statements gives you the most trouble? Why do you think you find it troubling?**
- 5. The final part of the sermon deals with judgement and grace. It's a verse that gets quoted a lot. Talk about time you think that we use this verse well and times that we abuse it.**

Digging Deeper:

- 1. The parable of the man who built his house on the sand is a familiar one. Work as a group to write your own parable that describes what it's like to base your life on the teachings of Jesus or the teachings of the world.**

Children's Study: Do-ing Love means sometimes dealing with mean because Jesus forgives yours all the time.

Luke 6:27 “But here is what I tell you who are listening. Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. 28 Bless those who call down curses on you. And pray for those who treat you badly. 29 Suppose someone slaps you on one cheek. Let them slap you on the other cheek as well. Suppose someone takes your coat. Don't stop them from taking your shirt as well. 30 Give to everyone who asks you. And if anyone takes what belongs to you, don't ask to get it back. 31 Do to others as you want them to do to you.

- **Song:** https://youtu.be/BXAo_5voOP0 Kindness is a Muscle
- **Preschool Video:** <https://youtu.be/et4KluESo0o> “Kindness is Cooler” book
- **Kid Video:** <https://youtu.be/UCCb85TgeEU>

- **Activity:** throughout the group time point out when a child is being kind by thanking them, even for tiny things
- **Coloring Sheet:** <https://twistynoodle.com/kindness-3-coloring-page/>