

NO TURNING BACK

10 ESSENTIAL LIFE LESSONS FROM JESUS FOR THE LAST DAYS



GROUP CURRICULUM

SERMON

The Call for Character – Luke 6:20-26

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²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

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

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is

great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

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

²⁶ “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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Primary Questions

1A) What type of character are you known for?
How well liked are you? What are you liked for?

3A) Which of these couplets, for you personally, are
the hardest to pursue?

2A) What does Jesus mean by “blessed”? What
does Jesus mean by “woe”? How does this shape
how we read our passage?

4A) Read the passage and examine Luke’s use of
“tenses.” (ex. Past, Present, Future) What promises
does the Christ follower have in this life now?

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Secondary Questions

1B) What does our world value in character? How do we prepare one another to be disliked? To persevere?

2B) Jesus is preparing his followers for the character cost of following him. Read the following passages together. How else does Jesus prepare us to “count the cost?” (Matt. 10:35; 19:29; Lk. 9:23, 62; 10:3; 14:33; 16:13; 2 Cor 5.17; Gal. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:21; Rev. 22:7)

3B) Why is this couplet hard to live by? How have you seen someone live with this characteristic well?

4B) Discuss how you might remind yourself of this promise this week? How can your groups members help remind you of this amazing promise?