Small Group Discussion Guide (Week of October 31, 2021)

Open your group with a time of sharing and prayer. Ask God to direct our congregation as we prepare for the planning retreat this coming Saturday.

- I. While lesser known and shorter than Matthew's account, Luke also records what is commonly called The Sermon on the Mount. Read *Luke* 6:17-19. What is the context in which this message is given? According to verse 20, who is the message for? Explain why.
- II. Now read <u>Luke 6:20-33</u>. Summarize each blessing and what benefit is received. How can hunger, poverty, grief and persecution be considered blessings? Explain your answer.
- III. Read <u>Luke 6:24-26</u>. Summarize the woes and what each consequence is. How do these strike you?
- IV. Continue with <u>Luke 6:27-36</u>. Take some time to unpackage Jesus' teaching here on love. How have you sought to apply this teaching in your own experiences?
- V. Finish up with <u>Luke 6:37-38</u>. How does this passage on judgment relate to Paul's admonition to judge in <u>1 Corinthians 5:9-13</u>. (Note <u>Luke 6:41-42</u>). How about forgiveness as it relates to <u>Matthew 6:12-15</u>? Finally, what it Jesus' main point about giving in verse 38? Are you challenged by Jesus' words?

Read <u>Luke 6:47-48</u>. Close your time by praying by asking God to fortify the foundation of your life throug obedience to Jesus' instruction.



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