

**The Gospel According to Luke: Week 12**  
"Beatitudes"

I. **Joy:** Luke 6:20–23

Observations:

1. Joy in poverty
  - a. The promise: the Kingdom of God
2. Joy in hunger
  - a. The promise: Satisfaction
3. Joy in weeping
  - a. The promise: Laughter
4. Joy in the persecution
  - a. The promise: Reward in heaven

II. **Warnings:** Luke 6:24–26

Observations:

1. Warns the rich
2. Warns the immediate gratification crowd
3. Warns those who play both sides

III. **Application:** Luke 6:27–36

\*Turn retaliation into redemption\*

1. Love your enemies
2. Bless those who curse you
3. Pray for those who mistreat you
4. Respond to aggression with gentleness
5. Give with no expectation of return

Questions for individual Bible study and/or group discussion:

1. When you hear the word 'joy' what comes to mind? What brings you joy in life?
2. Read Luke 6:20–23. How does all of this bring joy to our lives? What do you observe about the type of posture we are to have when reading these verses?
  - a. Where do you find the least amount of joy? Poverty, hunger, weeping or persecution? Why is that? How can you begin to ask God to change your perspective on this?
3. Read Luke 6:24–26. What warnings hit you the hardest? Can you identify an area of personal growth in your life with these warnings?
4. Read Luke 6:27–36. In our humanity, this literally seems impossible, but this is our application. Truly, this is not a sermon on ethics, but a sermon on salvation. Have you put your faith in Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, how do we turn retaliation into redemption? Read Galatians 2:20. How does this apply to what we've learned today?