



## DISCIPLESHIP & THE SMILE OF GOD

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**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:** Luke 6:12-26

**MAIN POINT:** Being a disciple of Jesus means living according to a different values system than the world.

### KEY IDEAS:

- Being a disciple is more than just an experience of God, no matter how powerful.
- A "beatitude" is a characteristic, quality or virtue that God values and approves of, that brings God's blessing if we endower ourselves with them.
- A "woe" is a pronouncement of pity for the misfortune that awaits someone in a certain situation.

#### 1. **Poor vs. Rich**

- Contrast between those with a misplaced hope, stemming from pride and self-sufficiency and those who realize their spiritual destitution and make God their only hope.

#### 2. **Hungry & Weeping vs. Full & Merry**

- Contrast between those who experience present grief but hope for future glory, and those who live as if this world, and this life, is all that there is.

#### 3. **Persecution vs. Popularity**

- Contrast between those who seek popularity at all costs and those who are willing to be identified with Jesus Christ, despite the cost.

### FELLOWSHIP STARTERS:

#### *Truth Reigns...*

1. How has this passage helped you to see the importance and value of prayer?
2. How does this passage help you to see the difference between what the world values and what God values?

#### *Humility Grows...*

3. What sort of disciple are you? Which values system are you living by?
4. Which of the "woe" categories are you most prone to fall into the trap of? Pride & self-sufficiency? Looking for satisfaction in this temporary world? Fear of man? How do you hope to change?

#### *Prayer Covers...*

5. Pray for one another that we might be faithful disciples and that God would give us grace to fully embrace His values system.

#### *Encouragement Flows...*

6. Take time to specifically encourage someone in the group for where you see them pursuing a particular beatitude in their life.