

## Wednesday

Read Luke 6:20-21 *If you are poor...*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do these blessings stir your soul? Do you feel you are one of those Jesus blessed? Why?*
2. *How does Jesus plan to meet the needs of those who are poor, hungry, weeping when they cannot touch him in person?*

**Prayer Focus** Creator of all, show me what is true poverty and what is true blessedness. Show me how to live, even if your values seem upside down according to the values of the world.

## Thursday

Read Luke 6:22-23 *If people hate you...*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Is it hard to imagine someone leaping for joy that they are hated, hurt, and left out?*
2. *The prophets of old were reviled, hated in their time. Are you comfortable speaking up about your faith? Why?*

**Prayer Focus** You were hated and even put to death for speaking of your way. But your words have never vanished from this world, just as your Holy Spirit remains with us, always. We thank you and we praise you for your undying love.

## Friday

Read Luke 6:24-26 *Embrace God's ways, not the world's*

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why is Jesus warning us about these good things?*
2. *Who around you today needs what you can share in the name of Jesus?*

**Prayer Focus** Jesus, take my need for things that leave me empty. Take away my need for things that empty the lives of others. Replace them with what you have to offer—true abundance in sharing the fullness only you and your ways can provide.

## Stronger than Gravity

**Pastor's message:** Luke 6:17-26. Money, power, and fame are like gravity and people say "You can't fight it." We disagree. Our love for the Lord is stronger than gravity.

**Message Notes:**

## Small Group Format



### Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Recall a time when you were in a crowd, waiting expectantly to hear or see a celebrity or a politician or a sports star. What do you recall most about that feeling?*

### Opening Prayer

### Song (optional)

### Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Luke 6:17-26**

- Discuss observations about the text
  - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
  - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

*Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)*

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

### Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

### Pray for each other

### Refreshments (optional)

## **STRONGER THAN GRAVITY** **February 13, 2022**

### Monday

**Read Luke 6:17** *Jesus draws a crowd*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What was the effect of Jesus standing on a level place? Was it a good choice to speak from there?*
2. *Where would you have been if you had been in that crowd?*

**Prayer Focus** Thank you, Jesus, for coming down from the mountain to speak to us at eye level, God speaking to us in person. Draw us to you, speak the truth we need to hear.

### Tuesday

**Read Luke 6:18-19** *The crowd around Jesus.*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Do you need to be healed today? What do you hope Jesus would do in response to your request?*
2. *Is there a way we can touch Jesus today?*

**Prayer Focus** Beloved, you had so much power that even the people on the outskirts could feel your healing strength. We reach out to you today, looking to change our lives, our hearts, our minds from broken to wholeness.