

Worksheet for the video on Lk. 6, 'Blessings and Woes'

Hello, and welcome to the worksheet for this video!

Below, please find a number of questions. Please bear in mind that there are no 'right' answers, and there are no 'wrong' answers. Rather, these questions are designed to help you experience the video a little more deeply and, thereby, perhaps to enable you to consider more deeply, and come to know yourself, and your place in the world, a little more helpfully!

The biblical text at the heart of this meditation is Luke 6:20-26, which goes like this:

Then Jesus looked up at the disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

- Have you ever compared the way two gospels 'tell' the same story quite differently? If you have, how did that difference leave you feeling?
- Have you ever experienced what I'm getting at when I say that some 'wisdom sayings' are not very wise?
- How about the point I make about the way postmodern science often 'sounds' like theology – have you ever come across that before? Based upon your experience of life, do you believe that there is an interesting conversation between those two disciplines? If so, why? If not, why not?
- Have you found any special ways to turn 'woes' into 'blessings?' Does it always work? If it doesn't, why do you that is?