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SERMON NOTES FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Scripture: Luke 6:17-26

LUKE 6:17-26 (NRSV)

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"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. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

"How does Luke's telling of Jesus' teaching about "Blessings and Woes" differ from Matthew's similar telling in the Beatitudes?"

How does the context (the place, those present, etc....) help us understand Jesus' teaching?

Is Jesus only talking about the future in this passage?

What does Jesus tell us about the Kingdom of God in this passage?

Do you identify with any of those referred to in Jesus' teaching?

Do any of these "Blessings and Woes" cause you any tension?