

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Luke 6:17, 20-26

'Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.'

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his 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 shall be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

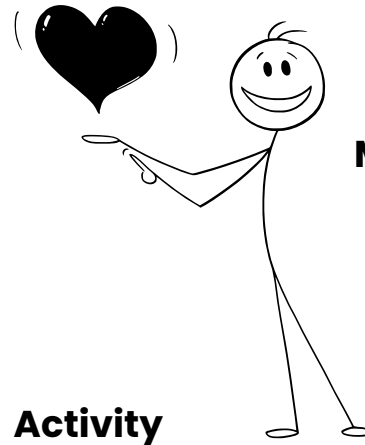
Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man!

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers 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 shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

Reflection

In this passage from Luke, Jesus presents the Beatitudes, a series of blessings that challenge worldly values and perceptions of happiness. Addressing a diverse crowd seeking healing, he articulates a radical vision of God's kingdom.

The Beatitudes call us to reorient our lives, finding joy in humility and hope in suffering. By embodying the values expressed in this passage, we contribute to God's kingdom on earth, demonstrating love and compassion. In a world that often glorifies power and wealth, the Beatitudes remind us that true blessedness lies in humility, service, and unwavering faith in God's promise.



Materials needed

- Markers
- Paper
- Paints
- Glue
- Newspapers

Activity

- This is an arty activity!
- Using the art supplies assign each participant or group a Beatitude to illustrate.
- Participants can create a poster, collage, or any art form they choose.
- Display the artwork and have each participant or group explain their piece.
- Reflect on how the artwork represents the essence of the Beatitude and its application in life.

Call to Action

- Use these questions to inform your action.
 - Who are the "poor," "hungry," and "those who are sad" in our communities today?
 - Who around us might be going through hard times or struggling? How can we reach out to help them?
 - Have I ever measured success by things like popularity, money, or achievements?
 - Are there ways I can focus more on what God values, like kindness, patience, or helping others?
 - Am I comfortable with what I have, or do I look for ways to share with others?
 - How can I share what I have whether it's time, things, or friendship with people who need it?
 - How can I stay grateful and find joy, even when things aren't going well?
 - What are some ways I can keep a positive attitude and be thankful, even during tough times?

