

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Gospel of Luke: The “Blessed” Life

Passage: Luke 6:20–23

1. Read **Luke 6:20**. Who are the “poor” mentioned by Jesus in this passage? Consult **Matthew 5:3** and **Luke 4:18**. How is a person freed of their natural-born condition of spiritual impoverishment? Consult **Ephesians 2:8–9** and **Luke 18:9–14**. What reward awaits those who are freed of their state of spiritual impoverishment? Consult **Luke 4:43** and **Colossians 1:12–14**.
  
2. Read **Luke 6:21a**. Who are the “hungry” referred to by Jesus in this passage? Consult **Matthew 5:6**. How are those who hunger for righteousness able to find satisfaction in this life? Consult **Psalms 42:1–2a, 63:1–5, 107:9**. How will those who “hunger” today ultimately find satisfaction in the future? Consult **Isaiah 25:6–9** and **Revelation 19:6–9**.
  
3. Read **Luke 6:21b**. What distinctions does Jesus draw in this passage between present-day realities versus future kingdom realities? Consult **James 4:9, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Jeremiah 31:10–13**, and **Revelation 21:1–4**. How do these distinctions encourage you in your walk with Christ (**Isaiah 53:3**) today?
  
4. Read **Luke 6:22–23**. Connect the four verbs in verse 22 (“hate,” “exclude,” “insult,” and “scorn”) to the commands in verse 23 (to “be glad in that day and leap for joy”). What perspective must followers of Christ maintain in order to heed and obey His commands? Consult **2 Corinthians 4:16–18**.