

True Blessedness

The notion of blessedness, or 'happiness' lays at the heart of human striving. However we define it, we are all pursuing the 'good life.' In this morning's brief text, Jesus points us away from partial and misleading concepts of blessedness and points us to the greatest blessedness we can experience.

1. What are "these things" that Jesus has just said?
 - a. He is the one by whom the kingdom of Satan is defeated *Luke 11:14-19*
 - b. One's standing before God depends upon your relationship with Jesus *Luke 11:20-23*

2. What is the blessedness of Mary?
 - a. It is a particular blessedness
 - b. Based upon a physical relation to Jesus
 - c. And it is a genuine blessedness! *Luke 1:42*

3. But what is the greater blessedness that Jesus offers?
 - a. It is universally available
 - b. Based upon a spiritual relationship to Jesus: discipleship

Application:

1. Do you envy the blessedness of others?
2. Have you embraced the greater blessedness offered to you?