

PRACTICAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS FOR YOUTH GROUP ON 14 FEB 18

Luke 6:12-26

- If you're like me, it's easy to read verses 12-16 and keep moving on because nothing startling is taking place in that passage. Give it a closer look if you haven't already. What finer points are we able to draw out of this important event?
- Of the three groups of people Christ interacted with, who is present in the narrative and instruction of verses 17-26?
- Why did the crowds come to Him?
- To whom did He address His instruction in verses 20-26?
- So Christ is laying out to whom God's favor rests upon and those to whom it doesn't. What immediately grabs your attention?
- In the past, God blessed the Jews when they followed His commandments. What did that blessing look like? What does the blessed life Jesus describes look like now?
- So the big question in our first world culture is "Should I feel guilty for being well fed, the opportunities to laugh, and when people think highly of you?".
- A crucial part of understanding verses 20-26, and the whole bible in my opinion, is to learn what the culture of the disciples was like in the 1st century. Instead of reading it with 21st century eyes, we must first come to an understanding of what this meant for the 1st century disciples so we have the ability to properly apply it to our lives. Did you rush to apply poor/rich, hungry/well fed, laughter/weeping, hate/approval based upon its meaning in 2018 first? How do we learn what Luke intended for his readers to understand?
- The crowds came to Christ from a long way away, up to 80 miles away, to hear Him and be healed. In John 6, Christ gave a hard teaching and asked His disciples if they wanted to leave Him like others had. Simon Peter replies "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life." If you claim Christ as your Lord, with what frequency did you seek Him last week, to hear from Him and to be healed of the dysfunction in your life (which we can naively believe doesn't exist) if He alone has the words of eternal life?