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Theme:

Luke – Warnings: Jesus Pronounces Woes

Life Application:

Jesus alone, not things of this world, can satisfy the longings of my heart.

Scripture:

Luke 6:24–26

Memory Verse:

*"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church." **Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)***

Review Last Week

Read **Luke 6:20–23**, then discuss each point and what this means to us.

20 And he lifted up his eyes on 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 shall be satisfied.' 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.' 22 '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! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.'

Who did Jesus say is "blessed?" And why?

- Those who are poor — for theirs is the kingdom of God. (This can also mean those who are poor in spirit.)
 - Those who are hungry — for they will be satisfied now and forever in heaven.
 - Those who weep — for they shall laugh.
 - Those who are hated, reviled, mistreated, excluded — for their reward is great in heaven. They will leap for joy, because the prophets of God were also treated this way by their fathers. They will have wonderful rewards in heaven! (What could this be??)
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Read and Discuss Luke 6:24–26

24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. 25 Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets."

1. Why does Jesus say, "Woe to you who are rich?" (Discuss together.)

- This is a warning for those who love money or live their lives to possess more and more money and "stuff."
- They tend to worship themselves more than their creator.
- Many times, they are proud and look down on others who have less.
- They think their physical riches will "buy" their way into heaven.
- But in heaven's economy, they have already received their reward on earth. You cannot "earn" your way to heaven.

Read **1 Timothy 6:10**.

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

2. Is it wrong to have money and wealth on earth? Discuss. Why or why not? (Some people have a gift for making money — but it was given to them by the Lord "so that" they can do many things on earth to help others. Think of examples of people who have much but are willing to help others.)

3. Why does Jesus say, "Woe to those who are well fed (full) now?"
 - They are self-satisfied, self-sufficient.
 - They have no need for God. They have done it all on their own.
 - They are never fully satisfied. They will experience eternal gnawing and hunger of the soul. (Jesus says in Matthew that in Hell there will be eternal weeping and gnashing of teeth.)

4. Why does Jesus say "Woe to those who laugh now?" Is it wrong to be happy? (Discuss.) Jesus is speaking to:
 - Those who think life is all about being happy.
 - Life is eternal entertainment for them.
 - Their time and money is mostly spent on their own happiness and entertainment.

5. What does Jesus remind us about this? (In eternity those who are constantly seeking happiness for themselves will mourn and weep.) How can we be joyful while also doing good things? God has given us spiritual gifts to use in this world:
 - Prophecy
 - Serving
 - Teaching
 - Exhortation
 - Leadership
 - Giving

- Mercy

God has made us uniquely, every one of us in a special way, to serve him in this world. When we are using these gifts, we have joy in serving him!

6. Why does Jesus say, "Woe to you when people speak well of you?"

- Those who want people to speak well of them want to be popular with others.
- They are always trying to say only what others want to hear.
- They don't take a stand for the truth, because others might condemn them.
- They listen "to false prophets" and go along with the crowd.

Read **2 Timothy 4:2-4** and discuss:

2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

7. How can you know what is "false teaching and lies" and what is the truth? (Discuss — Know God, know his word, and seek his guidance.)

A Word from Our Pastor, David Chadwick:

Four woes are warned to those who put their trust in their own goodness, wealth, comfort, and popularity. Please hear this:

1. Tolerance is not God's highest virtue (God does not tolerate sin).
2. Love is God's preeminent virtue...
3. But please remember:
 - Real love warns, reminds the loved ones of the "woes" of God.

- If you repent, God will relent and forgive.
- If you don't, he won't.
- And you will live forever in the kingdom of darkness/Satan's domain.

Some call this the Great Reversal. Jesus flips the script of what's important here on earth and there in heaven. My warning (I don't want to be a false prophet): Which kingdom are you in?

The bad news: We are all sinners and fall far short of God's perfection. Can you admit this? Do I know I deserve hell and I can't earn it?

The good news: Jesus died on the cross to forgive us our sins so that we can enter his kingdom of heaven and live for his kingdom's advancement forever. It's a gift so that Jesus always receives all the glory. I must walk in humility every day of my life. I need to live to please an audience of One: the living, eternal Lord Jesus Christ! He alone can satisfy the deepest longings of my heart. In HIS kingdom. Today and forever!

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, help us to be humble and strong — and to remember that you are the only one who can fulfill all of the desires of our hearts. Remind us that the things of this world are only temporary. We want to trust in you and use all you have given us to serve you and shine your glory in this world. In your name we pray, Amen.