Sermon: The New Way.

Scripture: Luke 6:12-26.

Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.

Date: April 28, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Who are the blessed in God's kingdom? What does this teach us about God's heart?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Jesus pronounces woe upon those who are only able to find hope and comfort in the here and now. What temporal thing might bring you more consolation or comfort than even Christ?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) In what way was Jesus poor, hungry, weeping, and rejected for us? How do these specifically point to his cross?
- b) In what way do we all have to be poor, hungry, weeping, hated and excluded in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?
- c) Look ahead at the rest of the sermon in Luke 6. In what ways might we turn Jesus' sermon into another law? OR...why is it so important that we embrace God's love and grace in us by the Spirit BEFORE we work to obey it?

APPLICATION

- a) What are you looking forward to the most about living eternally with God?
- b) What relational sin do you struggle with (gossip, control, blaming, anger, passivity)? How can knowing that you will live forever with God in his Kingdom free you from that sin?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his love for the poor in spirit like us.
- Confess ways that you have sought consolation in temporal things rather than in eternal things.
- Thank Jesus for being the blessed one who was poor, hungry, weeping, and rejected in our place.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to embrace the "blessed" life of dependence on Christ.