

Blessing and Woe

Blessed are you... But woe to you...

Sermon Questions

1. What is a common, *wrong* reason for people to follow Jesus? _____
2. Crowds gathered to _____ Jesus, see him heal, and cast out demons.
3. What three observations can be made just by reading the text?
 - i. Blessings and Woes are in _____.
 - ii. Articulates _____.
 - iii. Addressed to _____.
4. Poverty is a virtue that qualifies a person to enter the kingdom of God. (Yes/No)
5. It is the _____ of money that is the root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10).
6. We live in a have now, _____ later society that has influenced the church.
7. We are called to suffer hardship now—in obedience to Christ—to gain in the future. (Yes/No)
8. It's a blessing to be reviled on account of _____.
9. Some of the reviling suffered by Christians are by those who profess to follow Christ. (Yes/No)
10. What motivates false prophets and false Christians? _____
11. What is the motivation/reward of the true believer? _____
12. Jesus endured poverty, hunger, grief, and scorn so that we might enter the _____ of God.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. What confidence do you have that you have the blessings of the kingdom and can expect the reward of heaven? Why?
2. How have you been tempted (or fallen) into the love of money, satisfaction, pleasure, or the praise of men? How were you delivered or set free?
3. How does recognizing the worth of Jesus and what he has done and promises to do set us free from love of money, pleasure, and approval?
4. In light of these blessings and woes, what will you do this week as a disciple of Jesus?