

SESSION FIVE

LUKE: PREPARE THE WAY



Bible study is not a class you take but a rhythm you keep as a believer.

HEAR THE WORD

Watch the Session 5. Take notes on overview of the book to use as you dive into personal study this week.

READ THE WORD

Read Luke 6:20–49 each day this week. Read at least three times from the ESV and read from other translations of your choosing on the remaining days. (You can find access to additional translations at biblegateway.com if you don't have physical copies of the Bible.) On two days this week, also read Matthew 5



“But I say to you who hear,
Love your enemies, do
good to those who hate
you.”

Luke 6:27

STUDY THE WORD

Pray and ask God to supernaturally help you retain what you have read through and learned as you answer the following questions:

1. **What did you learn from the teaching video about what a “beatitude” is/means? Practice writing your own beatitudes, complete with an equal number of blessing and woe.**
2. **What does poverty look like in your community? Examine your attitudes toward the poor. Do you have natural compassion toward the poor, or do you harbor criticism of the poor? Describe God’s attitude toward the poor as found in Scripture.**
3. **Do you consider yourself rich? Why or why not? What caution in this week’s Scripture reading do you find applicable to your current situation?**
4. **Unpack the personal implication of this statement in your life: My earthly reality does not equal my heavenly reality.**
5. **Discreetly write down the name of someone you consider your enemy. What would it look like for you to love that person as Christ commanded?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **A beatitude is an extreme blessedness. Share with the group the extreme ways in which God has blessed you, personally.**
2. **God is faithful to caution us in His “sermon on the plain.” Discuss, as a group, how we can receive this admonition, faithfully, in our modern-day context.**
3. **Discuss enemies. We all have those people in our lives who oppose us, or by whom we feel threatened. How do we love those people in Christ’s name?**
4. **How do you measure “fruit” in your life or in the life of fellow sisters and brothers in Christ? Is bearing fruit important to you? Why or why not?**