

Upside Down Kingdom
Kingdom of God #3 – Matthew 5:3-10, 13:10-17
Sunday, October 12, 2014

Read Luke 6:20-26

This passage gives another contrast between the values of the Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world in the teaching of Jesus.

1. Some qualities that the kingdoms of the world value are found in vv.24-26. In your own words what are these qualities Jesus cites?
 - a. When have the people who have these things receive their reward from God?
 - b. Why does Jesus say 'woe' to them?
2. How do the values Jesus talks about in Matthew 5-7 & Luke 6:12-49 compare with the values that we are sold every day in our culture?
 - a. Read the passages and make a list of the values or qualities you see that Jesus affirms. Then look at those values and ask whether or not our culture also affirms those values or qualities.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit's guidance in answering this question:
 - a. Am I living a life where I am controlled by what the world says, or by the values Jesus honoured?
4. Consider what it means to be poor in spirit or to be materially poor. (Matthew 5:3, Luke 6:20)
 - a. What does a poor person offer to a king that a king would want or could use?
 - b. What does a poor person understand about any gift that is given to them by a king?

Scripture Memorization:
Romans 12:1-2