

Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers

(A Journey Through the Gospel of Luke)

“A Different Kind of People”

Luke 6

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Big Idea: The people who follow Jesus begin to live so differently that their lives become visible evidence of the kingdom of God.

Disciple-Making Focus: Visible lives invite imitation.

I. A Different Set of _____ (vv. 17-26)

“Blessed are you who are poor...”

“Blessed are you who hunger now...”

“Blessed are you who weep now...” (vv.20–21)

“Woe to you who are rich...”

Woe to you who are full now...”

Woe to you who laugh now...” (vv.24–25)

Key Truth:

Followers of Jesus measure blessing differently because their hope is anchored in God’s kingdom.

II. A Different Kind of _____ (vv. 27-36)

“Love your enemies.” (v.27)

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?” (v.32)

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.” (v.36)

Key Truth:

Followers of Jesus display the mercy of God in the way they treat people.

III. A Different Kind of _____ (vv. 37-45)

“A good tree does not bear bad fruit...” (v.43)

Key Truth:

Followers of Jesus focus on heart transformation, because fruit always grows from the root.

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Small Group Questions — Week 5

Series: Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers

Week 5 Title: A Different Kind of People

Text: Luke 6:17–45

Start Here — Reflective Question

Where do you feel the most pressure to conform to the values or expectations of the world around you?

(Allow a few people to share honestly.)

Read the Passage

Have someone read **Luke 6:20–36** aloud before discussion.

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus describes blessing very differently than the world does (Luke 6:20–26).

What stands out to you most about the people Jesus calls “blessed”?

Why do you think His description of blessing feels so upside-down compared to how our culture defines success or happiness?

2. Jesus commands His followers to “love your enemies” (Luke 6:27).

Why do you think this command is so difficult in real life?

What would it practically look like to show mercy toward someone who has hurt or opposed you?

3. Jesus says, “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

How does remembering God’s mercy toward us change the way we treat others?

Where might God be inviting you to extend mercy this week?

4. Jesus warns about focusing on the speck in someone else’s eye while ignoring the log in our own (Luke 6:41–42).

Why is it often easier to see problems in others than in ourselves?

What practices help cultivate humility and honest self-examination?

5. Jesus says a tree is known by its fruit (Luke 6:43–45).

What kinds of “fruit” most clearly reveal what is happening in someone’s heart?

What fruit do you hope becomes more visible in your life as you follow Jesus?

Disciple-Making Connection

The sermon emphasized that **followers of Jesus become a different kind of people whose lives invite imitation.**

Think about your everyday relationships:

Where might someone be quietly observing your life right now?

How could living out Jesus’ values, love, and heart influence them toward Christ?

Close Together

Pray together that God would continue shaping you into the kind of people Jesus describes.

Ask Him to transform your **values, your love for others, and your heart** so that your life becomes a visible witness to the kingdom of God.