

THE GREAT REVERSAL

THE BEATITUDES

Passage: Luke 6:20-26

Life Group Guide | Sunday, February 13, 2022

Review the Group Guidelines.

Read Luke 6:20-26 and reflect as a group on the interview with Dr. Rebekah Eklund.

Have you tended to think of the Beatitudes as commands or descriptions?

What happens if you think of these words as an “invitation into a Jesus-shaped life?”

Dr. Eklund said the word translated “blessed” actually conveys a fuller idea: “Congratulations to you when ...” or “happy” or “fortunate.” When you swap those terms in for “blessed,” how does it enhance your understanding of the passage?

If the Beatitudes really are “the most transformative words ever written,” how do you see them changing the way you live as a Jesus-follower?

Dr. Eklund said the Beatitudes are a map for finding Jesus: “If you want to know what Jesus looks like, look here.” He weeps, he is persecuted, he is meek, he is a peacemaker. How can we better work together as a group of believers to show the world what Jesus looks like?

Re-read Luke 6:20-26. Ask yourself: How does your life align with these words? Where do you need God’s transformation? In what ways do these words stretch your faith?

Close by praying for fresh understanding and insight into the Beatitudes.