

Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

3 — 9 February 2019

VERSE of the week: Luke 6:22-23

"What blessings await you when people hate you & exclude you & mock you & curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man. When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. For remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way."

TABLE GRACE

(tune: 'The Lone Ranger')

Be present at our table Lord!

Be here and everywhere adored.

These mercies bless
and grant that we,

May feast in paradise with thee.

Amen.

5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find "best" in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (Praise God, Thank Jesus, Ask the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

THOUGHT for the week:

"Spiritual identity means we are not what we do or what people say about us. And we are not what we have. We are the beloved daughters & sons of God"

- Henri Nouwen

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let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Luke 6:17-23 and then 24-26. What strikes you as you read?
2. **Why do you think this encounter with Jesus begins with Jesus healing “everyone?”**
How is his healing & restorative work linked to what he says here?
3. **How would you define “blessed?” Do you often feel like you are blessed? Why/not?**
Are you pretty comfortable with where you are spiritually? Why/not?
4. What is wrong with being rich? With desiring to be rich? Why is this such a stumbling block for us?
5. **Do you know people you don't share your faith with because you are afraid they will distance themselves from you? Why are you concerned about the opinion of someone who will spend eternity separated from God?**
6. In this Sermon (& its partner in Matthew 5) Jesus describes the worldview, outlook, or perspective of a disciple in the arms of grace. How is this different from what you encounter in the world? What would a contemporary TV show do to depict the **world's value system over against that of Jesus?**
7. How is knowing you are blessed by God despite the outward circumstances of your life a comfort & source of hope? With whom can you share that hope & comfort?

Let's READ

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| Sunday | Psalm 73:1-14 | Thursday | Psalm 55:22-23 |
| Monday | 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 | Friday | 1 Peter 5:10-11 |
| Tuesday | Colossians 3:12-15 | Saturday | Psalm 73:17-28 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 38:11-15 | | |

let's PRAY

PRAISE GOD for blessing us with his grace
at all times in every season of life.

THANK JESUS that he destroyed death
& gave us God's kingdom

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to fill you with the God's blessing
so you can be a blessing to others.

let's BLESS

Make the sign of the cross on each other & say:

(Name), † child of God,

May the Father's deep love for you

bless your every moment.

Amen.

