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1. What characterises those who are blessed?
2. Would our world consider such people blessed?
3. What does this mean for those who belong to God’s people? What does it say to those who expect Christians to live prosperously if their faith is strong enough?
4. Who are Christians treated like?
5. Why is that encouraging?
6. How do these verses encourage you, or those you know, who are poor, hungry, weeping, or hated and rejected?

Read Luke 16:18-23: Woes

1. What characterises those who are woe-ed?
2. Would our world consider such people woe-ed?
3. What does this mean for people who are successful now?
4. Who are they treated like?
5. Why is that encouraging?
6. What does this section say to our worries/aspirations and concerns?

**Make it real**

1. Reflect on your circumstances/disappointments and hopes. Would Jesus pronounce you blessed or facing woe?
2. What does this passage have to say to the persecuted church?
3. What does this passage have to say to the affluent church?
4. Do we hope in the here and now, or the not yet? Why?
5. How can our priorities be shaped by the sermon on the plain?

**Prayer ideas**

* Pray for the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the hated and the rejected – that they would know they are blessed
* Pray for the rich, the well fed, the laughing, and the well regarded – that they would trust not in themselves, and prepare well for the hard times to come
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