



**Redefining the “Happy Life”**  
Scott Hansen, Lead Pastor – May 5, 2013

**Luke 6: 12 – 26**

**ON THE MOUNTAINSIDE (vv.12-16)**

**CHOOSING OF THE 12 APOSTLES**

WHERE? Mountainside in Galilee

WHAT?

- ▶ Jesus prays all night

PRINCIPLE #1: Spiritual leadership is critical to kingdom advancement.

- ▶ Jesus chooses the 12 apostles

**ON THE PLAIN (vv.17-26)**

WHERE? Mountainous plain in Galilee

WHO?

- ▶ 12 apostles
- ▶ Many disciples
- ▶ Multitude of poor, hungry, sick, desperate, curious people

WHAT? Redefining the “Happy Life”

PRINCIPLE #2: You are not primarily a human being having a temporary spiritual experience; you are a spiritual being having a temporary human experience.

**OBSERVATIONS ABOUT HAPPINESS JESUS' WAY**

- ➊ Jesus' new community is one of heart alignment
- ➋ Jesus intended His new community to be a prophetic community
- ➌ Jesus' new community seems rather upside-down

PRINCIPLE #3: Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

- ➍ Jesus is not giving us a recipe for how to gain the Kingdom by our own efforts
- ➎ Note the repetition of “now” in the passage

PRINCIPLE #4: Don't live like there's no tomorrow.



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**Lesson Aim:** To grow in our ability to have God’s perspective on what defines a “happy life”.

**Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

**Icebreaker:** As a teen, how did peer pressure affect the way you dressed?

1. **READ Luke 6:12-16.** What did Jesus do during the night prior to selecting the 12 Apostles?
2. **READ James 1:5-6.** Why is it important that we pray and ask God for wisdom in our decisions?
3. **Briefly** share an example with your group of something you are currently praying about.
4. In Sunday’s teaching, Pastor Scott taught the principle that “spiritual leadership is critical to kingdom advancement.” What do you know about these men that Jesus chose for spiritual leadership?

5. What are some insights this teaches us about people that God can use for spiritual leadership?
6. **READ Luke 6:17-26.** How do the values Jesus talks about here compare with many of the values we are sold every day in media and popular culture?
7. Another point from Sunday’s teaching was that “Jesus is not giving us a recipe for how to gain the Kingdom by our own efforts.” The descriptions in these verses are illustrations of how the rule of God truly is available in life circumstances that are beyond all human hope. Are there any descriptions in these verses that you can relate to (right now or in the past)? How so?
8. If you could add another “blessed” and another “woe” to counteract modern values, what would you want to add? Why?

**Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.**

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