First Baptist Church – Odessa

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Date:

"The Blessed Life"

"King of Kings – The Ministry of the King" – Pt. 10
Luke 6:17-26 and Selected

4 Truths for Living a Blessed Life:

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| I. | My ultimate must be found in Jesus alone! "And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.'" Vs. 20 |
| | "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation." Vs. 24 |
| II. | My spiritual must be satisfied by Jesus alone! "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied." Vs. 21 |
| | "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry." Vs 25a |
| | "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?" Psalm 42:1-2 |
| | See Psalm 63:1-8 |
| | "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 |
| III. | My heart must for that which grieves God! "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh." Vs. 21b |
| | "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep." Vs. 25b |

"Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

Psalm 30:5b

"Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:5-6

IV. My _____ must be found in the applause of

Jesus alone!

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in Heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets." Vs. 22-23

"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets." Vs. 26

"Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

John 15:20

| • | "Since the wind was in Jesus" $_{_{ m I}}$ | face, it wi | ill be in the faces of His |
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"Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." 2 Timothy 3:12

"But [Stephen], full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into Heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'" Acts 7:55-56

Truths for Reflection and Later Discussion:

| (1) | Is | and | more important to me than Jesus? |
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| (2) | Do I | and | for Jesus like a deer panting for water? |
| (2) | Would Jasus | | for me? |