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#### ENTERING THE SCENE:

Here we find Jesus in Luke's gospel giving the people the secrets to living a blessed life as well as warnings about what to avoid. He also tells us what to expect when we take his advice seriously so that we won't be surprised. We are told that great numbers of people crowd around him with things that needed healing. It seems that it is only when we admit that something is lacking that we are moved to reach beyond our comfort level to that which promises what we now know that we need. Let us reflect some this week to sort out what needs healing in our lives and bring it to Jesus.

#### Luke 6: 17-26

17 He went down with them and stood on a **level place**. A large crowd of his **disciples** was there and a **great number** of people from all over **Judea**, from **Jerusalem**, and from the coast of **Tyre** and **Sidon**, 18 who had come to **hear him** and to be **healed** of their diseases. Those troubled by **evil spirits** were cured, 19 and the people all tried to **touch him**, because **power was coming from him** and **healing** them all. 20 Looking at his **disciples**, he said: "**Blessed are you** who are **poor**, for yours is the **kingdom of God**. 21 **Blessed are you** who **hunger** now, for you will be **satisfied**. **Blessed are you**, who **weep** now, for you will **laugh**. 22 **Blessed are you** when men **hate** you, when they **exclude** you and **insult** you and **reject your name as evil**, because of the Son of Man. 23 **Rejoice** in that day and **leap for joy**, because great is your reward in **heaven**. For that is how their fathers treated the **prophets**. 24 But **woe to you** who are **rich**, for you have already received your **comfort**. 25 **Woe to you** who are **well fed** now, for you will go **hungry**. **Woe to you** who **laugh** now, for you will **mourn and weep**. 26 **Woe to you** when all men **speak well of you**, for that is how their fathers treated the **false prophets**.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Knowing when a prophet is a true or false one can be a vitally important thing when we are choosing what to do and who to listen to. What helps you pick the right person to listen to?

**PRAYER:** Great healer Jesus, you put before me the "secrets" of God's heart. You reveal in these blessings and woes what I need to know in order to live fully in love. You also hold nothing back so that I am forewarned and therefore fore armed to resist the 'wisdom' of the 'world' for the wisdom of heaven. Help me as I learn to trust your teaching. Amen.