

CPC 24th January I I am Service – Cell Notes

This Way Up – Blessings and Woes

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus' words were bombshells then and still are now

Jesus is challenging established (world) views & turning them upside down

Good news for those that haven't had it for a long time

Luke 4:16-20 - fulfilling the promise set out in Isaiah

Deuteronomy – old covenant. Jesus is outlining a *new* covenant

Jesus wants our hunger and our searching – to find and be filled with what he has to offer

If we believe we've 'got it made' – we haven't. If we know we have haven't got it made there's the promise of what Jesus is putting forward.

Look at things the right way up

Do we ascribe value to things the world's way?

Do we forget that we're blessed? (Prayer and Party)

Do we recognise the good news?

- Look at words to "When I Survey ..."

Live like heaven is a real place

Do we live like we mean it? Or do we hedge our bets?

It can be hard to reach out when your hands are full

Be honest about our faith

"Popularity contests are not truth contests ... Your task is to be true, not popular" Luke 6:26 in The Message Bible

We're called to be salty!

Matthew 5:13-16

Discussion Questions:

Do we sometimes fall into the trap of the *world's* way of thinking (and values)? How can we remind ourselves of God's Blessing?

What distracts us from 'Living like heaven is a real place'? (Living in the full knowledge of God's gift of grace through the cross) How can we 'keep it real' throughout the busy-ness of the week?

Do you ever feel like your 'hedging your bets'? Have you ever missed out on an opportunity God has given you because your 'hands were full'?

Do you find it difficult to be honest about your faith with Non-Christian friends and family? How can we be 'salt' and 'light' (see Matthew 5:13-16)?

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