



woe is me?

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## TAKE HOME TRUTH

*“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” 2 Corin 4:18*

1 – The key to peace and security is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Luke 6:24

2 – The key to satisfaction is having an \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Luke 6:25

3 – The key to finding our identity is embracing  
\_\_\_\_\_. Luke 6:26

### Today's Core Belief:

**Eternity:** *“I believe there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus Christ is returning to judge the earth and to establish His eternal kingdom.”  
(From John 14:1-4)*



## Deeper Connection Study

Jesus is spending time investing in his disciples while also gathering his hearers to become new disciples. He just finished announcing some blessings (known as Beatitudes) to encourage his hearers, but abruptly contrasts them with a series of woes. These are certainly not pleasant if you are the recipient, but make no mistake: these are not reserved for “someone else.”

*Today's Core Belief discussed: Man & Sin.*

### Read Luke 6:24-26

1. How does Jesus' pronouncement of woes contrast the blessings mentioned in the previous passage (vv. 20-26)?
2. How is each woe described? How do these reveal a focus on self?
3. What else could be said of those who are not sensitive to God or others? What is their fate?
4. What other woes do you think Jesus would utter today? How would he address them?
5. How do Christians today focus more on God's blessings rather than his judgment? What would be a healthy balance for our understanding and practice?
6. How are you tempted to live for security, satisfaction, and identity in things not offered by God? Why do you seek these apart from God? How does this happen?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God that he blesses people for living in obedience to his commands. Pray for God to help you find your security, satisfaction, and identity in Christ alone. Ask God to use you to bless others in Jesus' name.

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jesus

Luke 6:24-26



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hey say, by the age of twenty, the average American has watched 1 million commercials, each one specifically designed to tell them what they need in their lives. “This new dishwasher will save you time,” “this new car will make you the talk of the town,” “this ring will tell her how much you love her.”

It doesn't take long for us to believe the messages. and we start shopping in hopes that we will find the happiness we are looking for. Soon, the very things that were supposed to make life better are weighing down on us. We have to work more just to maintain the lifestyle of stuff. The new dishwasher breaks down, the car gets wrecked and the relationship just isn't the same. All the stuff we had to have fades in disappointment.

This week in Luke, Jesus paints a stark contrast to what it looks like to seek the things of this world for happiness versus finding eternal joy in Him.