

Your handy guide for

HOW TO BE HUMAN

Basic instructions for living according to Jesus



a reference for the rest of us!

Your BLEST Life Now
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#Blessed has become synonymous with material wealth and personal wellbeing. Even the sincerest believer will describe financial security, health, and a good reputation as "a blessing." But Jesus' definition of blessings and curses are very different from what people describe as blessings today. Join us for part two of **How to be Human** as we explore Jesus' counterintuitive instructions for living our blest life now and later.

Passage (read it):

Luke 6:12-26

Principles (know them):

To live your BLEST life now, Jesus taught that you'll need to . . .

- reverse your _____
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Practices (do it):

Add more _____ to avoid the _____ (identify where your life needs a course reversal)

**ORDINATION SERVICE
FOR THU LAI MU AT SSBC
-- TODAY AT 2:00 P.M. --**

Southside Karen Baptist Church has grown so much under Thu Lai Mu's leadership! We are very excited to announce that he will be ordained to the Gospel Ministry today. We want to show our love and support to our sister church and celebrate Thu's ministry.

**DISCOVERING SOUTHSIDE
-- APRIL 25, 9:15 A.M. --**

Looking for a new church can be difficult. We have created an environment for people wanting to know more about Southside – who we are, what we believe, and how we work. This no-pressure introduction to Southside is intended to help you in your process of finding a church that is right for you.

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**SALT AWARDS NIGHT (Q2 AND MEMBERS MEETING)
-- APRIL 25, 4:30 - 6:30 P.M. --**

Our leaders at Southside are the best of the best and it's time we celebrate them! During our SALT "meeting", we want to honor these volunteers and thank them for their many hours of service.



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search **SSBCJax** to connect with us on social media!

Welcome to Southside Baptist Church!

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us! If you're here for the first time, you are our special guest. Fill out the information on the other side of this card and visit The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) where we have a gift for you!

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Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

Southside's small groups focus on the neighborhoods in which we live. We have groups that meet on campus, online, and in homes across our city. Visit ssbc.org/SmallGroups to find yours!

HANGOUT (warming up to the topic):

1. Make a list of the world's greatest “reversals” from various categories of life (politics, sports, history, economics, etc.) What qualifies something as a great reversal?

2. Have you ever experienced a personal reversal? What were the circumstances of your reversal and what have the consequences of that reversal been?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):

3. Read Luke 14:1-11.

- Do you see a connection between Jesus’ interaction with the Pharisees and the man suffering from dropsy (*verses 1-6*) and the parable Jesus tells at the table (*verses 7-11*)? If so, what?
- How was Jesus’ treatment of this man on the Sabbath consistent with His life and teaching? Why was this such a point of controversy with the religious establishment?
- How are these verses an illustration of the “blessings and woes” Jesus described in His sermon found in Luke 6:20-26?
- What is the practical wisdom taught in this passage? How does Jesus model this kind of behavior for us?

4. Read Luke 14:12-24.

- What feelings and thoughts do you have after reading Jesus’ instructions for making an invitation list (*verses 12-14*)? Do most people live this way? Do you? Why or why not?
- In verse 15 someone offers a statement that appears to hyper-spiritualize Jesus’ parable. What is the danger of hyper-spiritualizing Jesus’ teachings? Who is most likely to hyper-spiritualize Jesus’ teachings -- pagans, or religious people? Why do we do it?
- Jesus uses another parable to make His point. What does this parable tell us about God’s kingdom? How are Jesus’ instructions for how we should conduct our own parties meant to be a reflection of Kingdom values?
- What are some practical steps we can take to live this kingdom reversal out in our families? In our church?

5. Read Luke 14:25-35.

- What does Jesus mean by “hate his own father and mother and wife and children”? How is this a reversal of priorities for most of us?
- Jesus warns His would-be followers that they must count the cost before committing to following after Him. Based on this passage (*Luke 14*), what are some of the costs Jesus meant? Have you had to pay a price for following Jesus? If so, what? If not, how not? What do you think this passage means?
- Luke ends this chapter with a quote from Jesus about the worthlessness of salt that has lost its saltiness. Based on the earlier parts of this chapter, how salty is the church today? How salty are you?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together - in huddles):

6. What priorities, practices, and behaviors would you need to change in order to be salt as Jesus describes it in Luke 14? Talk about it, invite accountability and pray together.

Daily Readings:

This week’s readings focus on passages written by Luke that describe how God’s Kingdom often reverses the normal order of this world. As you read each passage identify the reversals and ask God to show you how each reversal might apply to you and God’s plan for you, your family, and His church.

Day 1: Luke 1

Day 2: Luke 7

Day 3: Luke 14

Day 4: Luke 15

Day 5: Luke 16

Day 6: Acts 10

Day 7: Acts 17

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Suggested Resources:

Books:

The Story Luke Tells, by Justo L. González
The Ragamuffin Gospel,
by Brennan Manning
The Kingdom of God,
by Martin Lloyd-Jones

Other sermon series at ssbc.org

Break Out (2018)

Let's Connect!

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Fill out the information below and place it in the offering bucket or take it to “The Landing” (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) as you leave. We’d love to meet you.

MEMBERS: Text CONNECT to 904-441-8650 to let us know you're with us today.

Name:

Phone:

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I would like more information about:
