

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Luke 6:20-36

SESSION SUMMARY

The Beatitudes are blessings Jesus taught as part of His Sermon on the Mount, and we get to explore these teachings in our study this week. Jesus declared that people are blessed when their joy, happiness, and identity are in Him rather than their circumstances. As He taught, Jesus took these teachings a step further, even calling people to love and pray for their enemies. In these verses, we learn that the way of Jesus calls us to live counterculturally. These are the main ideas:

- Our reward is in heaven (Luke 6:20-26).
- Our way is countercultural (Luke 6:27-36).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Where do we place our security, individually and as a family?
- Why does it matter that our security ultimately rests in Jesus?
- How do these verses encourage us to live differently?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

To live counterculturally simply means not to go with the crowd or do what's popular but to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, living as He has taught us to live. Consider your family's normal way of life now. Grab a poster board, a marker, and some sticky notes. Turn the poster vertically. Create two columns. Label the left "Culture" and the right "Counterculture." In the left column, write out anything your family does regularly that aligns more with culture than with Scripture. In the right column, list some ways you can flip those and live counterculturally. (It doesn't have to be an exact match. For example, instead of binge watching a show, maybe you spend a day serving and watch one episode at a time.) When you finish, add some new ideas for ways you can live counterculturally and make a commitment together to live them out.