

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



May 28, 2023 - “Inclusivity” - #2 in the series Upside-Down Kingdom

Texts Referenced: Luke 6:17-26, Romans 8:38-39

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Consider this definition of inclusivity: *the practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized, such as those having physical or intellectual disabilities or belonging to other minority groups.*
 - Why do people and institutions adopt policies or practices that are not inclusive?
 - If you’ve ever experienced being excluded, what feelings or responses did the experience evoke in you?
3. **Read Luke 6:17-22.**
 - What can we learn about the policies and practices of exclusion experienced by the people gathered to hear Jesus speak?
 - What are some examples of problems that cause social exclusion today?
4. **Read Luke 6:23-26.**
 - Why did Jesus make it a point to warn those in the crowd who may not have understood or were uncomfortable with his expectations of inclusivity?
 - What might be at the root of a fear or reluctance to be inclusive?
5. **Read Romans 8:38-39.**
 - How do you relate to the promise that nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus” and the barriers to inclusivity the Church has often erected?
 - How can we expand our welcome and practice of inclusivity at Hope?
6. How can we pray for you?