‘Loved and blessed’ Luke 6:17-26

* Have you ever read, seen or experienced something that was totally unexpected and if so, how did you react?

Read Luke 6:17 – 26

* Share with one another in the life group your immediate reaction to this passage in Luke’s gospel
* What do you think would have been the reaction of those first disciples to what Jesus said and how can these words continue to impact our lives today?
* If you took part in the “Love is…” selfies share together what you wrote and why?
* Share together what you think the disciples listening to Jesus may have written in response to “Love is…”
* How aware are we of being loved by God, and are there any specific ways in which we have experienced God’s love?
* How easy is it to get caught up with what the world would see as the norm as far as priorities are concerned?
* The blessing in three of the beatitudes in this passage concern a blessing they will receive sometime in the future v.21, v.22 v.23, can we become so caught up in the present that we lose sight of the future blessings Jesus promised?
* Is there a possibility that we would prefer to read verses 20 – 23 rather than verses 24 – 26 and if so, discuss together why you think that is the case?
* Is there anything else that has struck you or spoken to you from this passage?

Please pray for those who have given up so much to follow Jesus and also for those who are struggling to stay true to Jesus because of the different pressures they can face.