

## Applications from Luke 6

- **1.** Examine whether your faith has become more about maintaining forms than loving God and serving people. Ask: Do I use religion to draw near to God, or to feel superior? Have I become rigid where Jesus calls for mercy?
- **2.** Choose compassion over harshness. Do not let policy, preference, or tradition keep you from helping someone in need.
- **3.** Do not assume usefulness to God belongs only to the polished, educated, or visibly gifted. Be available, faithful, and teachable.
- **4.** Evaluate your life by kingdom values, not by ease, popularity, or possessions. Ask: What do I call 'blessed' that Jesus might challenge? Am I building my life around comfort or faithfulness?
- **5.** Refuse revenge, bitterness, and contempt. Pray for difficult people, refuse to slander them, serve where possible, and release your need to win.
- **6.** Live generously with time, mercy, encouragement, attention, and resources. Give in ways that reflect trust in God, not anxiety.
- **7.** Be slow to condemn and quick to extend mercy. Before criticizing, ask: Am I being fair? Am I overlooking my own faults? Would I want this same measure used on me?
- **8.** Repent first. When helping others, do it humbly, not harshly. Correction should come from brokenness and love, not pride.
- **9.** Do not focus only on image management. Let your words, reactions, habits, and relationships reveal the condition of your soul.
- **10.** Build your life on obedience to Christ. Ask: What teaching of Jesus do I know but am not practicing? Where is my foundation weak because I prefer information over obedience?

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

## Chapter 6

### Mercy, Measure, and Foundations

A folded playbill for teaching, reading, or dramatic Scripture presentation

#### Key themes

Authority - Mercy - Reversal - Discernment  
- Obedience

#### Primary settings

Grainfields - Synagogue - Mountain prayer -  
Level place - Everyday homes

## Quick Guide

This sample playbill treats Luke 6 like a six-scene sacred drama. It works well for adult Bible study, youth teaching, or a Scripture reading service.

#### Scene arc

1. Grainfields on the Sabbath
2. Healing the withered hand
3. Prayer and calling of the Twelve
4. Great crowd gathered on the level place
5. Blessings, woes, love, and the measure you use
6. Trees, words, and builders on rock or sand

#### Teaching aim

Show how Jesus reveals His authority, forms a new people, and teaches the inner life of the kingdom: mercy, humility, discernment, and obedience.

## Order of Presentation

### Act I - Lord of the Sabbath

Jesus' disciples pluck grain on the Sabbath, and He declares the Son of Man to be Lord of it.

### Act II - Mercy in the Synagogue

Jesus heals the man with the withered hand, exposing the hardness of legalistic religion.

### Act III - The Chosen Twelve

After spending the night in prayer, Jesus names the apostles who will learn and serve beside Him.

### Act IV - A Level Place Full of Need

A great crowd comes from many places to hear Him and to be healed.

### Act V - Kingdom Teaching

Blessings, woes, enemy-love, generosity, and mercy redefine the good life.

### Act VI - Foundations Revealed

Jesus calls hearers to self-examination, fruitful living, and a house built on obedient response.

## Cast of Characters

<b>Jesus</b>	Lord, teacher, healer, and Son of Man whose words reveal the heart of God.
<b>Disciples</b>	Followers learning the shape of kingdom life under Jesus' authority.
<b>Pharisees and scribes</b>	Religious opponents who watch Jesus closely and resist His mercy.
<b>Man with the withered hand</b>	Healed in the synagogue as a sign that compassion outweighs cold formalism.
<b>The Twelve</b>	Newly appointed apostles called after a night of prayer.
<b>Crowd from Judea, Jerusalem, Tyre, and Sidon</b>	Hearers and sufferers who come to hear and be healed.
<b>David</b>	Remembered by Jesus as He interprets the Sabbath through Scripture.
<b>Wise and foolish builders</b>	Final images of those who do - and do not - act on Jesus' words.

## Themes to Watch For

- **Authority and mercy** - Jesus interprets the Sabbath according to God's heart, not human hardness.
- **Reversal of blessedness** - The kingdom calls the poor, hungry, and rejected blessed in God's sight.
- **Enemy-love** - Disciples are marked by generosity, forgiveness, and mercy.
- **Self-examination** - Logs, fruit, and speech reveal the true condition of the heart.
- **Obedient foundation** - Hearing Christ without doing His words leads to collapse.

### Director's Note

Luke 6 gathers confrontation, calling, healing, and teaching into one chapter. Jesus is shown as Lord over the Sabbath, compassionate toward the needy, deliberate in forming the Twelve, and clear about the life His kingdom requires. The Sermon on the Plain presses beyond outward religion to the heart that loves, gives, forgives, discerns wisely, and obeys.

### Optional prop ideas

Grain stalks - Withered hand outline - Twelve name cards - Measuring cup - Small tree branch - Toy house with rock and sand