

To Suffer or Duck and Cover - Luke 6:12-26

True disciples think about opposition as...

1. ...an opportunity for boldness (v12-19)

Jesus prays his ministry would grow, (v12)

Jesus appoints the Twelve Apostles (v13-16)

Jesus' ministry grows (v17-19)

2. ...a blessing (v20-23)

...because of your heavenly reward.

...because you're in good company (the prophets of old v23)

3. ...a warning (v24-26)

Woe to disciples who won't suffer on account of the Son of Man

The four woes correspond to the four blessings

There will be a heavenly reckoning, so be careful to make a good decision

Application

A framework for our decision making – "*Which would you rather*"

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| - <i>Be poor now (v20)</i> | OR | <i>to be rich now (v24)</i> |
| - <i>Be hungry now (v21)</i> | OR | <i>to be full now (v25)</i> |
| - <i>Be hated, excluded and insulted now</i> | OR | <i>all people speak well of you now (v26)</i> |
| - <i>To suffer on account of Son of Man</i> | OR | <i>duck & cover</i> |

Be careful, there is a future heavenly reckoning.

What would it look like for you to be bold when it comes to living out your faith?