

“The Jesus Way:
Love Your Enemies”

Luke 6:27-36

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The Gospel of Luke: Meeting Our Savior

Warm-Up Question:

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I. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES: THE ABSURDITY

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- ▶ From vs. 32-34, what is our natural way to relate to people? Why is it so absurd to forgive and love your enemy in the world’s eyes?
- ▶ What have been your natural feelings & actions toward any who have hurt you?

II. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES: THE ACTION

- ▶ From vs. 27-31, state the some nine action words we as Christians are called to do toward any labeled our “enemy.” Go through & discuss what each mean.
- ▶ Which of these actions do you find most difficult to actually do?
- ▶ Share a story of where God has called you to love or forgive someone where it was really difficult. What did you do or not do? Why or why not?

III. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES: THE ABILITY

- ▶ Read Romans 5:6-10. Describe the words God uses to describe you. Then describe the actions he took toward you and the result of it. How does God now think of you?
- ▶ If time allows, do the same for Ephesians 2:1-10. Describe what you were, what God did, and how God now thinks of you.
- ▶ How do those passages motivate you to forgive and love any so called “enemy” in your life? Share any action you feel God calling you to take now.

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Question(s) for Prayer Time:

- ▶ Praise God for having loved & saved you while an enemy.
- ▶ Do you have anything to confess to God in this area?
- ▶ Pray for God to work in your relationship with any who are difficult.



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Scripture Passages Used:

Luke 6:27 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28** bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. **29** To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. **30** Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. **31** And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

Luke 6:32 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. **33** And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34** And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. **35** But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. **36** Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Matt. 5:43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ **44** But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. **46** For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? **48** You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Rom. 5:6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Additional Thoughts for Leaders

For More Study of the Passage
Passage: Luke 6:17-26

Observation: _____

Interpretation: _____

Application: _____

Prayer: _____

