

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: Loved

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Luke 6:27-36



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“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. 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.”

Sermon Outline

Loving our Enemies:

I. Who (6:27-30)

II. How (6:27-28)

- a. Through actions (“Do good”)
- b. Through words (“Bless”)
- c. Through prayers (“Pray”)

III. Why (6:35-36)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn’t know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. What are some other examples of things Jesus said that were hard to receive?

3. Why is it so hard to love our enemies? What do you think are the most common reasons why we/people *don’t* love our/their enemies?

4. Why is it so important to understand we can’t obey this command in our own strength? What will happen if we try? How have you seen *God* help you obey it?

5. Pastor Josh gave some examples of who we tend to see as our enemies: some are people (or groups of people) we've never met. Others are much more personal. How do you tend to respond to your enemies that you've never met? How about to those who are more personal?

6. Take a few minutes to compare and contrast how Jesus tells us to treat our enemies and how our world/culture tells us to treat our enemies. What are the differences? How has your thinking been influenced by the world/culture?

7. Jesus says in Luke 6:27, "Do good to those who hate you." One of the ways we can love our enemies is through our actions. What are some examples of how you could love someone through actions this week?

8. Why is it important to both do good to our enemies *and* not dismiss evil? What does that look like in real life? In what scenarios is it right to *keep a distance* from our enemies?

9. Read Ephesians 4:29 and 2 Timothy 2:24-25. What do these two passages tell us about using our words? Would you describe your speech this way? Why or why not?

10. In what ways can you "bless" an enemy without approving what they're doing? How are these not always mutually exclusive?

11. In Luke 6:29, Jesus says, "Pray for those who abuse you." What are some other ways we can pray for our enemies? What are some ways we can bring to *God* the anger and/or frustrations we have *with* our enemies?

12. Take a few minutes to jot down a prayer for someone you know who is hard to love.