



LIFE GROUP QUESTION AND NOTES

LUKE 6:27-38

⁷ “Listen, all of you. Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Pray for the happiness of those who curse you; implore God’s blessing on those who hurt you. ²⁹ “If someone slaps you on one cheek, let him slap the other too! If someone demands your coat, give him your shirt besides. ³⁰ Give what you have to anyone who asks you for it; and when things are taken away from you, don’t worry about getting them back. ³¹ Treat others as you want them to treat you.

³² “Do you think you deserve credit for merely loving those who love you? Even the godless do that! ³³ And if you do good only to those who do you good—is that so wonderful? Even sinners do that much! ³⁴ And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, what good is that? Even the most wicked will lend to their own kind for full return!

³⁵ “Love your enemies! Do good to them! Lend to them! And don’t be concerned about the fact that they won’t repay. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as sons of God: for he is kind to the unthankful and to those who are very wicked. ³⁶ “Try to show as much compassion as your Father does.

³⁷ “Never criticize or condemn—or it will all come back on you. Go easy on others; then they will do the same for you. ³⁸ For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use to give—large or small—will be used to measure what is given back to you.”

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What is your favorite season of the year? Why?
2. Have you ever tried to love an extremely difficult person and succeed? How did you do it?
3. ³¹ *Treat others as you want them to treat you.* Is this a verse that comes to mind when dealing with others? Why do you think this verse is called the Golden Rule?
4. Who is someone you are upset with right now? What principles might you apply from verses 36-38 in this relationship? Do you think it would make any difference?



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- Are We Supposed to Take Jesus' Words Seriously?"
- 1. Love your enemies-Luke 6:27, "But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. "
- Luke 6:32-35 "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return. "Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked."
- "What I envy most about you Christians is your forgiveness; I have nobody to forgive me."- Marghanita Laski
- Matthew 6:15 "But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."
- 2. Bless your enemies. "Bless those who curse you,..." Luke 6:28.
- Proverbs 25: 21-22 - If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink. You will heap burning coals of shame on their heads, and the Lord will reward you.
- 3. Pray for your enemies. Luke 6:28 "... Pray for those who hurt you."
- "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good." - Romans 12:9
- we pray that God would give us the ability to love them
- Richard Wurmbbrand, "if the heart is cleansed by the love of Jesus Christ, and if the heart loves Him, you can resist all tortures. ... God will not judge us according to how much we endured, but how much we could love."
- "While many people can't understand how I could forgive David McAllister. -- From my point of view I couldn't NOT forgive him. If I'd chosen to hate him all these years, or spent my life looking for revenge, then I wouldn't be the man I am today, the man my wife and children love, the man God has helped me to be." - Chris Carrier
- What we miss is not only what good forgiveness and love brings to our enemies but what good it brings to ourselves. We can let our enemies fill our heart with bitterness or we can let the grace of Christ fill it with love. Lewis Smedes - "To forgive is to set a prisoner free . . . and only to finally discover that prisoner was YOU!"
- Luke 6:35 Jesus says ""Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked.