



**MONTEREY
CHURCH**
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SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE

WELCOME

Who do you think is the best (worst) movie or TV show villain?

WORSHIP

Listen to "More Like Jesus" | Passion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAwlcswW6sg>

WORD

Message Title: "How to Gracefully Win" | Luke: Good News for Broken People (Part 17) | Pastor Bryan James, 9/27/26

Scriptures: Luke 6:27-36

1. **Read Luke 6:27-36.** What part of the message or Scriptures stood out to you this week? Why?
2. *Read also Romans 5:10. (We were once enemies of God, reconciled to Him through Christ; this is how he showed his love for us. Now called to be ministers of reconciliation, we must reflect the mission of God and love our enemies also.)* What does loving your enemies look like, specifically (v. 27-28)?
3. *Read also Matthew 6:10, The Lord's Prayer.* How do we partner with Jesus in bringing the Kingdom of God to earth through obeying the command to love? In contrast, what are we doing when we don't?
4. "It's unaffordable" to love your enemies this way—what did Pastor Bryan mean by this?
 - When we choose to do what is 'unaffordable' to us on account of His word, what is being credited to us (verse 35).
 - What would your interactions convey about the genuineness of your faith? (*i.e., Do you truly believe verse 35?*)
5. Choose your own question:
 - How does this message personally challenge you to love?
 - How can that be a model for relating to someone you find difficult?
 - Have you ever shown love to an enemy? How?
6. Read verses 31 and 36. What is Jesus' point? Who do you need to forgive, with God's help?
7. How can the group encourage and pray for you this week?

WITNESS

Be a witness and reflection of Jesus this week by loving your enemies.

CLOSING PRAYER & INTERCESSION

Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Allow space to wait and listen for God to speak, as you pray.