



## LUKE 6:27-36 | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there anything about the sermon today you'd like to discuss further? Anything that stuck out to you or that you wanted clarification on?
2. When you've been mistreated by someone, what's your typical response? (Internal implosion or external explosion) If you were going to summarize Jesus' fundamental point in this passage, what would you say and why?
3. Jesus' sermon on the mount in the Gospel of Luke contrasts the world's approach with the approach of the kingdom, the world's values with Jesus' values. What does Jesus contrast in this passage and how is his Kingdom different?
4. Jesus encourages his disciples to love their enemies. There's an inner and outer aspect to it. Internally, Christians refuse to see themselves as superior to the person who's offended them. Externally, they give grace and kindness to the offender. How do you overcome the challenges behind what Jesus is asking?
5. In addition to forgiving an enemy, Jesus also encourages unrestrained generosity. How is Jesus' approach to generosity different from the world?
6. Discuss the terms mercy & grace. Mercy is not getting what we DO deserve. Grace is getting what we DON'T deserve. How does God demonstrate this towards us? How is Jesus calling us to demonstrate mercy and grace towards others?
7. Jesus argues that when we give grace to people who are "like us" or "deserving" then it's not really love or grace. Who are the "different" people in your world?
8. From where does the motivation for this kind of love come? How've you found the power to love others in this way? What process did you go through to experience that power? What struggle accompanied the effort to love people in this way?
9. In light of today's message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take today so that you apply the Word to your life? How can we help?