

## 1. Intro

- Quiz! What is HCC's Vision Statement/tag line? **Be Disciples who make disciples.**
- Last week, we saw 3 consequences of following Jesus and one consequence of not following Him:
  - He'll ask you to do certain, specific things. You'll like some, some you won't!
  - He'll heal all of His followers - some immediately, but all eventually.
  - He will bless His true followers with a deep joy of the soul
  - But those who don't follow Him will ultimately experience sorrow upon sorrow.
- Today, Jesus will teach how His true disciples are to treat their enemies.
  - Jesus' teaching, in a nutshell, regarding our enemies: **Love them!**
  - The Greek word Jesus used for love (agapao) means: to love **wholeheartedly**, devotedly, and **unconditionally**.
  - The Greek word Jesus used for "enemy" (echthros) means: an adversary or someone who is **hateful** or openly hostile.
  - The context for "enemy" here refers to an **unbeliever**.
  - Does anyone come to mind who may be your "enemy"? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Text: Luke 6:27-36

### Luke 6:27-31

- To you who are willing to **listen**, Jesus says, **love** your enemies.

**Luke 6:32-34**

- There's no prize when we merely imitate the world's low standards of love!

**Luke 6:35-36**

- Disciples of Jesus are to be kind and compassionate to their enemies just like our heavenly Father is.
  - Loving our enemy may not be noticed by people, but Jesus says our reward from heaven will be very great!

**3. Application:**

- Are we willing to listen to (and obey) Jesus' teaching? Are we willing to work on how we interact with unbelievers who reject us, belittle us, and hurt us?
  - Start by praying for them. And pray they would believe the Gospel of salvation!
- Perspective check:
  - We were once Jesus' enemies. It was His kindness, His patience, His compassion, His sacrifice, His forgiveness and His unconditional and wholehearted LOVE that drew us sinners in to Him.
  - How can we not offer the same unconditional love to our enemies who don't know Him as their Savior and friend yet?
  - **2 Peter 3:8-9, 15**