



### **Week 5- "Navigating Relationships"**

**In this series we are going to dive into one of the most incredible talks Jesus ever gave: "The Sermon on the Mount". When Jesus arrived He knew that our attempts at lasting change, and growth doesn't lead to the life we all strive for. In this week's message, we discover that Jesus gave us a brand new way to navigate relationships, especially difficult ones.**

1. What was something that stood out to you from the message?
2. In what ways were you challenged?

#### **Read Luke 6:27-38**

3. What were the 3 groups of people that seem difficult to love?
4. Discuss the reality that as humans the love people give others is self oriented? Are you able to recognize this in your heart?
5. Are you willing to honestly look at the condition of your heart? What does this practically look like?
6. Are you willing to admit that you need God's help in allowing the Gospel to truly change your heart? What do you think this practically looks like?
7. Discuss the reality that until you are amazed at the mercy God gave you, you will never be empowered to provide the mercy He requires.

**Read Luke 6:35-36 and John 1:12**

**A Christian knows the real condition of their heart, that they are an adopted enemy. They are no longer defined by their sin but are given the identity of Child of God.**

8. How does resting in this truth give you the ability to give others what God freely gives you?

9. This week will you invite the Holy Spirit to help you understand who you are in Christ and allow His unmerited love to help you see others differently?

**When we know the surplus of God's love in our hearts it can't help but come out in our relationships with those around us. What Jesus asks of us is not natural but His mercy and grace gives us a supernatural love that changes our hearts. When we can rest in that we will have the answer to our love deficit and we will begin to see those around us differently.**