

LUKE 6

GRACE ON

THE PLAIN



Outrageous Love— Luke 6:27-36

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As Jesus continues to teach on the plain, he issues a radical call for his followers to love their enemies. As a skilled teacher, he begins to open up layer after layer of our hearts, exposing how selfish, self-protective and self-interested our love for others can be. But, in the process, he's also marvellously revealing just how outrageous is the gracious love of God for sinners!

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- List the things that Jesus demands of his followers in this text: What does Jesus mean by calling us to love our enemies, turn the other cheek, not demand back, etc. What thoughts and feelings rise up in you?
- Why does this sit so uncomfortably with us? Notice how Jesus goes both after our self-protection and self-interest. How does the gospel of God's grace change this?
- Can you think of a specific situation where you prayed for an enemy? What became of it? Or, is there currently someone Jesus calls you to love?
- Read Romans 5:6-11. Consider Jesus: How has he treated his enemies? What would it look like for you to receive his forgiveness and extend forgiveness to those who hurt you?
- Pray for the countless Christians who are persecuted, incarcerated and murdered because they belong to Christ. Pray that they would be able to love their enemies, and pray for those who persecute and kill them, that God would intervene and save.