



**Week of February 24, 2019**

**Luke 6:27-38**

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

<sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

<sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

<sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

<sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

<sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

<sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

<sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;

<sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."



### Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

### Gathering questions:

- A. What is the best idea you have had that you didn't pursue? Why not?
- B. Think back perhaps 20 years to what daily life was like then. What is real today that would have seemed impossible then?

### Bible Study Questions:

1. In verse 38, what is a "good measure"? Why do you think that is important?
2. In verse 37, what do you think "judged" and "condemned" mean? Why do you think "judged", "condemned", and "forgiven" are separately mentioned?
3. In verse 35, what do you think the "reward" is?
4. In verse 35, what do you think it means to be "children of the Most High"?
5. In verse 27, what do you think it means to "love your enemies" at a practical level?
6. Do you think Jesus expects us to literally do these things?
7. Which of Jesus' teachings in this passage is easiest for you to obey? Why? Which is the hardest? Why is it hard for you? What can you do to make progress on the hardest teaching?
8. What would you like to see happen in your life five years from now that seems impossible (or at least very unlikely) now. What could you do to move toward it anyway?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers for one specific way to go further – this week – in doing what Jesus asks