

## “Love Your Enemies”

Luke 6:27-36

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“Love your enemies” – Jesus

1. How do you see this teaching of Christ?
  - A. It's really for someone else, I don't even have enemies.
  - B. Jesus didn't mean it like we think He did.
  - C. Jesus said it, I believe it, and I'm trusting He'll help me actually do it.

Read the passage.

2. How would the people Jesus was speaking to on that day have heard these words? Who were their enemies?
3. What are the key verbs in Luke 6:22 and how are they answered in Luke 6:27-28?
4. How do you identify and define your enemies?
  - Those that don't like you?
  - Those that don't agree with you?
  - Those who oppose you and your beliefs?
  - How about those who don't know or love Jesus?

5. If you have time, look over Ps 35, what was David's posture toward his enemies? Especially verses 11-16
  
6. Before we knew Jesus, we were essentially enemies of God. Maybe not in malicious behavior or intent, but our soul, born in sin had a natural lostness, a rebellion to God.
  - Ps 51:5
  - Rom 3:23
  - Rom 5:8-12
  
7. Love towards our enemies is not a New Testament only teaching. Consider the OT laws:
  - Ex 23:5
  - Pro 24:17-18
  - Pro 25:21-22
  
8. Consider the example of Jesus
  - Luke 23:34
  - 1 Peter 2:22-23
  
9. How does 1 Cor 13 help us learn to love even our enemies? How about Eph 4:15?
  
10. How can we as a group encourage each other in loving those opposed to us or even opposed to the Gospel?

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Pray for one another as we are all here to live out the grace of Christ, that He extended towards us!