



Luke 6:27-36 / Love & Enemies

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Easy warm-up questions (choose one)

1. If you were at a friend or relative's house and you found a hair (or something worse) in your salad, what would you do?
2. What comes to mind when you think about God?

Jesus' Foundational Principle 6:27a

1. Even in the conflicts and drama of our lives, it might seem strange to think of someone as being your enemy. According to Jesus, who qualifies as an "enemy"?
2. What kind of love is Jesus talking about?
3. These days, how might loving an "enemy" be a hard thing for you to do?
4. How has God demonstrated that kind of love towards you? Consider Romans 5:10.
5. What difference might it make in the life of our enemy if we loved them as God has loved us?

8 Application Attitudes & Actions 6:27b-31

(what "love your enemies" is like for Jesus' disciples)

1. Consider each of Jesus' application attitudes and actions. Before going to question #2, make sure you're clear on what Jesus means by each.
2. Which do you find the easiest to respond with? Why?
3. Which do you find the hardest to respond with? Why?
4. Choose one of the following questions to answer:
 - a. Have you ever had someone respond to you in the way that Jesus is describing? To answer this question, it might be easier to focus on just one application attitude and action. What was that like?
 - b. Have you ever responded to someone in the way Jesus is describing? To answer this question, it might be easier to focus on just one application attitude and action. What was that like?
5. In what ways does application #8 express the bottom line of all 8?

Jesus clarifying the "Golden Rule" 6:32-36

1. It is surprising that the "Golden Rule" did not originate with Jesus. TRUE FALSE
2. In what ways might the "Golden Rule" be misunderstood?
3. How does Luke 17:7-10 help to clarify and apply what Jesus means by "benefit" and "credit" (grace)?
4. How is it possible to "love our enemies"?
5. If not already discussed above, how does "loving our enemies" demonstrate the bottom line of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Going farther...

1. This week (and probably longer than that) who is Jesus instructing you to love?
2. How can our group stand with you as you love your enemy?