



***We glorify God by proclaiming the gospel, making disciples,
and treasuring Christ above all.***

Text: Luke 6:27-36 - *Title:* The Hard Call to Love Our Enemies
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Pray that God uses your time in his word; to bless your group and strengthen your joy in Christ!

God does not call us to do bad things but God does call us to do hard things. -Mike and Stacy Creech

Why is it important to understand that in the sermon on the plain Jesus is teaching us what it looks like to follow him, not how we can be forgiven of our sins and justified before a holy God?

How is the *golden rule*, to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, often misused and confused?
How might you use the golden rule to share the gospel with someone?

In our culture we think of love in passive terms. Love is something over which we have no control. Love is something that happens to us, spontaneously – zing go the strings of our hearts. In New Testament categories, however, love is not something primarily that happens to us. Love, rather, is a duty, a requirement. Love has more to do with activity than it has to do with feeling. -R.C. Sproul

Why would Jesus call us to love our enemies instead of our family and friends? Who are your enemies? Why? How can you be loving towards them in such a way that fulfills Christ's call in this passage? Be specific and practical.

When Jesus says, "Give to everyone who begs from you," do you think he really means we are to give to every beggar? When are you most hesitant to give to someone? Why? Is it ever wise to not give something to someone? Work through your answers together and share other relevant scripture passages.

According to Jesus, how is Christian love different from the love of sinners? How can the promise of a great reward" fuel you to love your enemies? How is it that we can love our enemies (Romans 5:8-11)?

How Should We Then Live? (These are suggestions to help you apply God's Word this week).
Pray for God to help you apply this passage this Thanksgiving holiday. Share the gospel with a family, friend or co-worker who is not a Christian.

Close in prayer by asking God for joy in Christ for you, your community group and your church family.