

Wednesday

Read Luke 6:35-36 *God's example of compassion.*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How would it feel if you prayed for an enemy to receive goodness and your prayers were answered?*
2. *Where do we most need mercy in our world today?*

Prayer Focus We reflect on all the ways God has been kind to us and we ask to be a child of the Most High, the One who is limitlessly compassionate whether we deserve it or not. We give thanks for your perfect love.

Thursday

Read Luke 6:37 *Don't judge, but forgive.*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What might be hardest to forgive for you?*
2. *What helps you find forgiveness for others?*

Prayer Focus Jesus, you challenged us to give up the need to pass judgement on others. If we don't, how can we expect anyone to treat us any better? Forgive us and give us the kind of eyes that see people as you see them.

Friday

Read Luke 6:38 *Give and more will be given to you.*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you define abundance, for yourself and for others?*
2. *Where would you most like to see this kind of abundance given to our world? Where should we begin to make it happen?*

Prayer Focus Gracious God, in this time of turmoil, we pray for our neighbors, our enemies, and ourselves so that peace, justice, and the blessings of your love may be known fully by all.

Strange Laws of the Kingdom

Pastor's message: Luke 6:27-38. *Leave no strings attached whether it's anger or reward. Act according to the highest ideal conceivable. This strange adventure will lead you to unexpected blessings.*

Message Notes:

Small Group Format



Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Briefly, what is your definition of a friend? An enemy?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Luke 6:27-38**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)

STRANGE LAWS OF THE KINGDOM

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Monday

Read Luke 6:27-31 *Dealing with adversaries.*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Can you love your enemies without liking them? How?*
2. *What might change in your life if you were to love your enemies? What might change in the world?*

Prayer Focus Loving Jesus, this is such a tough commandment for us. Yet when we think of how you've forgiven us, your way of love and living makes perfect sense. We pray for courage to follow your example.

Tuesday

Read Luke 6:32-34 *It's easy to give to those we love.*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Is following this way of living impossible for us? Why?*
2. *Spend time praying for people you consider enemies. Do you ever want to limit what you ask for them?*

Prayer Focus Gracious One, it is hard for us to act in loving ways to everyone, especially when we're hurt. We're glad to know that we can do anything through your help and strength.