

## **Wednesday** *Who do we love?*

Read **6:31-34**

### **Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *What would it mean if you were to practice the Golden Rule (v. 31) more fully in your own life?*
2. *Jesus says it's easy to give to people who love us. What does Jesus expect of his followers?*

### **Prayer Focus**

As you look into the faces of each person you meet today, pray for your heart to expand and grow so that you can give as you would like others to give to you.

## **Thursday** *Following God's example.*

Read **Luke 6:35-36**

### **Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *What does it look like to be merciful as God is merciful?*
2. *How might the world change, how might your life change, if you were to adopt God's example of compassion for all?*

### **Prayer Focus**

God, you loved us even when we were your sinful enemies, and you saved us through grace when we did not deserve it. Help us us imitate you by loving our enemies, with no strings attached.

## **Friday** *The blessings of compassion.*

Read **Luke 6:37-38**

### **Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *Are there ways in which you are holding on to a judgement about someone? Can you see past it?*
2. *How might your life look if you give compassion and freedom to others, the way God has given to you?*

### **Prayer Focus**

Jesus, please continue to train our hearts to see your face in every person we meet and hear your words of loving kindness in every word we say. Bless us with a life of love.

## **Unlimited Love**

*Jesus' unconditional love opens the boundaries of our love. The love required of disciples of Jesus extends to all persons regardless of merit or deservedness. The love of the disciple goes out even to enemies. Steps toward loving our enemies include praying for them, seeking to understand why they are enemies, and steps we can take to bridge the gap.*

### **Message Notes:**

## Small Group Format

### Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Do you know someone who has forgiven you? How did it feel to understand that they were offering you their forgiveness?*

### Opening Prayer

### Song (optional)

### Reflection on Luke 6:27-38

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)

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**Unlimited Love**



### Monday *Loving those who cause you pain.*

Read Luke 6:27-28

#### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Who was causing pain for the people Jesus spoke to on that day?*
2. *What is an enemy? Do you have enemies in your life or world right now?*

#### Prayer Focus

God, grant me the honesty to acknowledge my pain and hurt and to work with you to heal them. Give me eyes to see my enemies as your children, my brothers and sisters.

### Tuesday *Showing kindness to enemies.*

Read Luke 6:29-30

#### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How does Jesus want us to treat our enemies?*
2. *How is this different from the Old Testament rule of taking an eye for an eye?*

#### Prayer Focus

Jesus, you said you had come to fulfill the law by making it part of a compassionate, forgiving life that sees others as more than just friends or enemies. Help me to treat others according to your rules, and according to your example.