

Love for Enemies - Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ “But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”¹

Inductive Bible Study Questions

Read the above passage with point 1 below in mind.

1. What word or phrase in this passage stands out to me?
2. Have you ever ‘turned the other cheek’?
3. What is the background to this passage?
4. Is there a deeper meaning behind the passage? What is Jesus really trying to say? To whom is He speaking then?
5. What is God saying to me?
6. How am I challenged or encouraged?
7. How do I listen to God to discern His Will?

For Personal Reflection...

8. What can I model and teach?
9. What does God want me to share with someone? Who?

¹ *The Holy Bible: New International Version*. (1984). (Lk 6:27–38). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.