

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

Right Side Up: Love Your Enemies

LUKE 6:27-36 | MARCH 8 & 9, 2014

This week Jesus asks us to love our enemies and increases the challenge for us to live right side up. This is more than just counter-intuitive or counter-cultural, it is likely impossible outside of faith in God's goodness and sovereignty.



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Who comes to mind when asked, "Who is your enemy?" (If they are with you, mention someone else.)



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

What do you think is the significance when Jesus says, "even sinners..."? (used 3 times in Luke 6:27-37)

Do you believe that forgiveness and loving enemies are the same thing?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Read John 18:10-11 and the surrounding context of Jesus' arrest. Note the contrast of Peter's and Jesus' response. Which of them is more like you? How is it that Jesus can react the way he does?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Assuming Jesus expects his followers to obey his teaching, what makes this teaching hardest for you?

Besides Jesus, who could you point to as a model for loving their enemy? Do you have any local or personal examples where you have seen this lived out? Could you live this way?

ON YOUR OWN



PRACTICING

Be aware this week of those who subtly become your enemy – someone who cuts you off, a boss who speaks critically of your work, a child who does not do what you ask, a gossip who says something unkind about you, etc. As you realize all your "enemies," pray for them and ask for help to love them.



PRAYING

God, I ask that you would help show me where I have enemies in my life. Help me to respond to them with love and kindness by trusting you and knowing that you are ultimately on my side. God, I thank you that nothing at all can separate me from your love.



MEMORIZING

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:27-28)