

Luke: The Inside Out Gospel

Week 7

Luke 6:27-36 – Jesus’s Unfinished Agenda

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED:

Was there a time you can remember when you were able to offer forgiveness to someone who really hurt you? Has that ever happened to you? Describe the experience.

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD’S WORD

Together, read Luke 6:27-36 together

1. For the Jews in Jesus’s time, the “enemies” were at least the Roman soldiers that oppressed and harassed them. What did it mean for Jesus’s disciples to extend God’s kind of love?
2. A Roman soldier could take your outer garment, your “coat,” but Jesus is asking his followers to offer their inner garment, their shirt. Why is Jesus asking us to take that extra step?
3. Jesus says in verse 36, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” How is God merciful toward us?
4. How do we demonstrate God’s mercy to others, especially those who have hurt us?
5. Is it possible to do what Jesus is directing his followers to do in this passage?

6. What would happen in a world like Jesus describes? How can we bring about the world that Jesus wants for us?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

1. Who is someone in your life that seems like “your enemy”? How can you extend grace and compassion?
2. Ask those in your group to pray for you for your relationship with that person and to ask you about him or her in the coming weeks.

SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another’s needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.