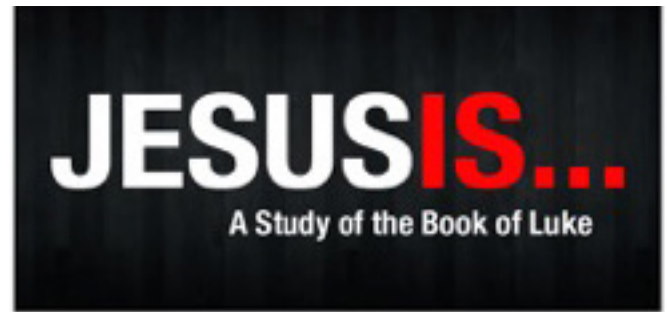


Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, March 15

Jesus Is... The Cheek Turner

Luke 6: 27-36



22 “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. Luke 6:22-23

27a “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies,

A. How do I love my enemies?

1. One Action - Love them anyway

a. When hated, love by finding the good.

27 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

b. When cursed, love by saying the good.

28a bless those who curse you,

c. When abused, love by praying for good.

28b pray for those who abuse you.

2. One Reaction - Let it go

a. Let go of your right to pay back.

29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.

b. Let go of your right to be paid back.

30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.

31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

B. Why do I love my enemies?

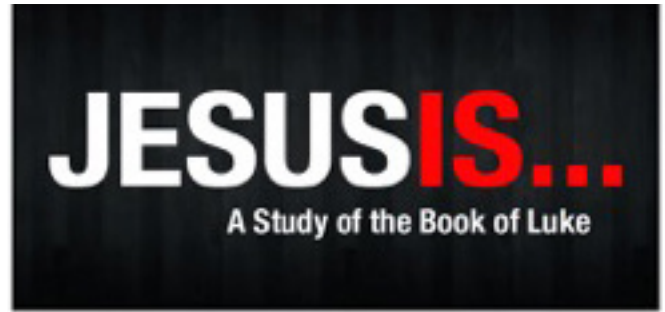
32 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.

C. What do I get if I love my enemies?

35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Life Group Study Notes
Week of Sunday, Mar 15
Based on Sermon: The Cheek Turner

Spend some time answering these questions before going to your Life Group.



Getting Started

Who do you find it hard to love? Why is it hard to love them?

When is the last time you can remember someone showing mercy to you? Did you deserve the mercy? How can you sometimes rub other people the wrong way?

Read Luke 6:27-36. What are some aspects of unconditional love you observed?

Are you able to show this kind of love to others in your own power? How are you able to live this way? How does the Holy Spirit change the attitude of your heart?

Read Matthew 22:34-40. How does Luke 6:31 help you carry out Christ's command to love your neighbor as yourself? Who would you consider your neighbor?

Read Galatians 5:16-26. As you learn to live, led more and more by the Holy Spirit, do you think it will be easier to love others, even those who are difficult to love? Why do you answer the way you do?

As you look at the acts of the sinful nature listed in Galatians 5:19-21, take a serious self-assessment, and ask God to show you any problem areas in your life. Make Psalm 139:23-24 your personal prayer as you walk through this process.

Digging Deeper

Read Luke 6:36 again. Search the following Scriptures, and find others, that speak of God's mercy: Deuteronomy 4:29-31, Nehemiah 9:16-33, Psalm 25:1-22, Isaiah 63:7-9, Micah 6:8. Spend time meditating on how merciful God has been to you. Journal times that come to your mind. Ask God to help you live with a Micah 6:8 mindset.