

Feasting on the Word
First Church of
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I. Welcome, Introductions & Prayer

**II. Teaser: In movies
or TV, who were
some of the bad
guys when you were
growing up?**

III. Luke 6:27–38

A. Remembering Luke

- 1. The only Gentile writer of a Gospel. Also authored Acts.**
- 2. Writing in the 70s, after the destruction of the Temple and**

**the spread of
Christianity across
the Roman Empire
and beyond.**

**3. Special concern
for the women, poor
and marginalized**

B. Recap on the Sermon the Plain: For his followers.

C. What four things does Jesus command in verse 27? How are they reflected in vss. 29–30? In vss. 32–36?

D. What are some of the repeated phrases in each of these sections? What do those repeated phrases tell us about Jesus' intent?

E. Looking at “the woes” of vss. 24–26,

**why do you think
Jesus chooses this
set of commands?**

**F. Jesus finishes each
paragraph with a
command. How does
each of these
commands point us**

**towards Jesus'
purpose here?**

**G. Jesus lays out the
“Golden Rule” in verse
31. Now that you can
see what’s around it,
does that change how
you think about the
Golden Rule?**

**H. Read Leviticus
11:44–45, Leviticus
19:2, Leviticus 20:26.
What is the refrain in
all these verses?
What does the word,
“holy,” mean? Do you
hear echoes of that
refrain in our passage**

today? What is Jesus' twist on it? Do you think holiness is not important to Jesus? (Read Matthew 5:17ff)

I. Why do you think Jesus rolls right on into talking about not judging others?

J. How does the parable of the measures speak about grace and forgiveness? What do you think about what Jesus is saying? Do you think it's actually true?

IV. Conclusions and Questions

A. Do you find this passage and Jesus' commands challenging?

B. Does loving our enemies “play into the

**hands” of our
enemies? What is the
larger point Jesus is
trying to make about
the nature of love?**