

Feasting on the Word

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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?