



“Who Do You Love?” – Luke 6:27-36

1. It feels natural to fight back and to practice “an eye for an eye,” but Jesus calls us to love our enemies.

Think of the last time someone did something that hurt you. What was your first “natural” response?

What does it take to change from your natural response and consider the response that Jesus calls us to?

Read Romans 12:14, 17-21. In light of this passage, what would it look like to love your enemy in the situation you shared?

Pray: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me even when I was your enemy. Fill me with your love and guide me to love my enemies and those I dislike as you have loved me. Amen.

2. Luke 6:30 reveals that love gives to those who cannot give back to return.

Write down the name of a person or group of people that could not return the favor if you did something for them:

What might they need, whether emotionally, spiritually, or in regards to resources?

Read James 2:14-16. Write down what abilities, gifts, or resources you have that could meet the needs listed above. Circle one area to consider acting upon.

Pray: Lord, thank you for the gifts and resources you have blessed me with. Show me how to use what you have given me to bless those who cannot repay me. Amen.

3. Pastor David shared the illustration from Victor Hugo's Les Miserables, where the Bishop claimed to have bought Jean Valjean's life, and called on him to live for God. Through Jesus' death on the cross, God has purchased our lives, and calls us to live for Him in response.

Read Ephesians 5:7-10. Since becoming a believer in Jesus Christ, how have your life and the way you live changed?

What were the major influences that caused you to live differently?

What should be our primary concern regarding unbelievers who live in ways contrary to God's standards?

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for redeeming me through your son, Jesus. Thank you for giving me your Holy Spirit and changing my heart. Help me to love (name a specific person you know who does not know Jesus) and to kindly share the hope I have in Jesus that can be (person)'s hope as well. Go before me, Lord, and show (person) the light of Jesus Christ.