
October 28, 2018

| **In Sync with Jesus on Loving Enemies** |

Luke 6:27-36

OPENING (10-15 minutes)

- Who are some of the villains (real or imaginary) that you remember from childhood?
- What insights from Sunday's message did you find most helpful? Most troubling?

CLARIFYING THE TEXT (20-30 minutes)

Read the passage aloud in your group. Use the questions below to dig in to Jesus' words.

- How does Jesus shift the object of love in this passage (compare to Leviticus 19:18)?
- How would you define the kind of love Jesus speaks about here? Is love an emotion, a choice or something more? How can you show God's love to a person who is not open to receiving it?
- What steps does Jesus give to exhibit love for enemies? Are his instructions literal, figurative, hyperbole, or what?
- Imagine what our community would be like if everyone followed the "Golden Rule" (verse 31). Share some specific examples.
- How does reward relate to obedience in God's kingdom?

Additional texts to consider:

- Leviticus 19:18
- Matthew 5:43-48
- Proverbs 24:17-18

OBEYING: How can you be more in sync with Jesus? (20 minutes)

- Who might you define as your enemies? What can you do to love them this week?
- In what situations do you find it difficult to love others? What steps can you take to move forward in this?

PRAYING: *Close your group in prayer for each other to keep in sync with Jesus.*

