

Treating People the Way Jesus Did
Luke 6:17-49

We're in a sermon series called "I Wanna' Live for Jesus." The idea for the title comes from Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:15, "And he died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." The idea is that we no longer live for ourselves, but for Him. This morning we're going to focus on how Jesus would have us treat others even in the midst of difficult situations. He calls for an unconditional love, a love which supernatural, a love which is not based upon what we can receive, but on what we can give.

1. Stand on the promise that _____.
(Luke 6:20-26)

2. Love _____.
(Luke 6:27-36)

3. Show _____.
(Luke 6:37-38)

4. Be diligent _____.

(Luke 6:39-49)

Resource for Families

Every week your child receives a take home paper from her/his Sunday School class. I would highly suggest going through the “Daily Family Devotional Readings” and doing the “Family Fun Activities.” For a biblical foundation for our roles as parents, read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25.

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- In the following passages you will find summary introductions (4:14-15, 31-32, 40-41; 6:17-19). What do you find Jesus doing? Where is he? How are people responding? What groups are present? What are the people focusing on in Luke 6? What does Jesus focus on?
- Read Luke 6:20-26. What does “blessed” mean? What inner characteristics are being described by the outer characteristics of poverty and hunger? Determine one character trait that you could begin working and focus on bringing that about in the power of the Spirit. Encourage a friend to work on this with you.
- What promises do you find and how will these promises encourage you to live for Jesus?

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Luke 6:27-38. Using a Bible Dictionary or Study Bible seek to define biblical love using this text. What characteristics do you find? How does the “Golden Rule” (Luke 6:31) help you to identify what love looks like?
- This is a radical understanding of love. Ask the Lord to help you begin loving others, including enemies, that is, those who persecute you because you are a Christian. Ask the Lord to help you to trust Him, no matter the outcome. The text says that we are to “do good to those who hate you,” so what good deed can you do today?

Friday-Saturday

- Read Luke 6:39-49. Let’s focus on vv. 43-45 and the illustration of a tree and its fruit. This connects up outward behavior and the words we speak with our heart. What is it that gets “stored up” in our heart and how does it get “stored up”?
- Consider what you can “store up” in your heart today and do that. As you are doing this, you are “hearing and putting into practice” Jesus’ words, that is, building wisely on a firm foundation.