



Loving Enemies Luke 6:27-36

Something to Start Us Off

- Can you think of a time when someone was exceptionally kind to you for no good reason that you could see at the time? What was that like?

Something to Notice

- What is your first reaction to this passage – the sort of reflex response to what Jesus is saying here?
- Which of the things Jesus says seems like the easiest to put into practice as written? What do you think makes it easy?

Something to Understand

For similar passage in Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, read Matthew 5:43-48. Look for the similarities and the differences.

For another example of what is sometimes called "The Golden Rule" (v.31), see Matthew 7:12.

Romans 12:19 may also be helpful. In this verse Paul looks back on some verses in Deuteronomy 32.

- What are some ways God has shown his love for us, despite our rebellion against him?
- For the ultimate example of the above, read Romans 5:6-10.
- Consider these instructions from Jesus in light of what Christ has done for us? In what ways does that comparison affect your understanding of this passage?

Something to Take Home

- Plan something you can do for someone else without expecting anything in return. Feel free to talk about what that might be now if you like.
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 6:27-36 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?