



Sermon Discussion Guide

5.31.26 Message | Chuck Sackett | Luke 6:27-36

Note: This discussion guide is designed for both group and individual use. While some questions are written with group discussion in mind, individuals can still use this guide for personal reflection, journaling, and prayer. Simply adapt any group-oriented questions for your own study time.

LOOK BACK - Relationship & Accountability (~15% of your discussion)

→ Share Life

- What's something simple you're thankful for right now?
- What's been taking most of your attention lately?
- Is there anyone in your community who needs help right now, and how can our group come alongside them?

→ Follow Up From Last Time

- As you think back to last week, what stood out or stayed with you?
- Was there anything you felt invited to try, practice, or pay attention to this week? How did that go?
- Did that show up in any conversations, choices, or moments this week?
- Where did you see God at work - even in small ways?

LOOK UP - Scripture & Discovery (~60%)

→ Read (twice, in different translations)

- Read the text you are studying this week in the ESV out loud.
- Read the text you are studying this week a second time in an alternate version.

→ Retell

- In your own words, summarize what the author is saying in this passage.

Key Scripture (ESV)

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

- Luke 6:27-36

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Mercy is not weakness—it is a reflection of the character of God.
 - Followers of Jesus are called not only to receive mercy but to extend it to others, even when it is difficult.
 - Jesus challenges His people to respond differently than the world by loving, blessing, praying for, and doing good to those who oppose them.
 - Mercy often becomes most visible in how we respond when we are hurt, misunderstood, or mistreated.
 - God’s mercy toward us becomes the foundation for how we treat others.
 - Kingdom people do not simply avoid retaliation—they actively move toward grace, generosity, and compassion.
 - Obeying Jesus in this area requires courage, surrender, and trust in God's goodness.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

Share about someone who showed you unexpected kindness or grace at an important moment in your life? Why has that stayed with you?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (Does your group understand the message?)

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did you find anything difficult about this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God?

- What does this passage teach about people?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- In **Luke 6:27–28**, Jesus calls His followers to love, do good, bless, and pray for people who oppose them. What stands out to you about those commands?
 - This passage describes mercy through actions, not just feelings. Why do you think Jesus focuses so much on how we respond to others?
 - In **verses 29–30**, Jesus describes responding generously instead of retaliating. What makes that difficult in real life?
 - The sermon pointed out that mercy reflects the character of God. Where do you see God's mercy toward people throughout Scripture or your own life?
 - In **verse 35**, Jesus says God is kind even to the ungrateful and evil. What does that reveal about the heart of God?
 - The people listed in this passage—enemies, critics, users, and abusers—are not easy people to love. Why do you think mercy toward difficult people is such a powerful witness?
 - Jesus closes this section by saying, *“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful”* (**verse 36**). What do you think it looks like to grow in mercy over time?
 - The message emphasized hearing Jesus and obeying Him, not just agreeing with Him. What is one area where you sense Jesus challenging the way you respond to people right now?
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BRIDGE QUESTION

Based on this passage, what kinds of responses does it invite? What direction does it point our lives toward?

LOOK FORWARD – Application & Mission (~25%)

→ **Inside Me**

- Where do I need to bring my sin into the light instead of hiding it?
- What is one concrete step of obedience I can take this week to pursue Jesus in that area?

→ **Who Else?**

- Who might need encouragement that grace is real and change is possible?
- How can I move toward them with love and truth this week?

→ **Pray Together**

- Pray for clarity to see Jesus more clearly and follow Him faithfully.
- Pray for strength to resist anything that competes for our allegiance and next steps.
- Pray for courage and grace to take the next faithful step that God is inviting us into.