

Like The Teacher

Luke 6:40

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Love and Show Mercy

Luke 6:27-36

Jesus is talking to a group of disciples and other people on a “level place” (verse 17) similar to the passage in Matthew 6, the “sermon on the mount”. When thinking about this message of Jesus’ that has altered world history, it is not like the message of US independence “When in the course of human events...”, or the Communist Manifesto’s “history of class struggle”. It is not a political message, yet it has changed the world.

1. What about the message surprises you?
2. Why is Jesus’ message so directly personal?
3. Is this a message that changes the world? How is that possible?

Judge Not and Forgive

Luke 6:37-41

4. What type of judging is Jesus referring to? Is it this the legalism of the Pharisees?
5. What judging is ok for the Christian? Is any kind permissible? We make judgments on moral issues, theology, societal issues, political issues, etc.
6. What other examples in Scripture show Jesus judging, or not judging? See John 8 and Jesus’ treatment of the woman caught in adultery, also Matthew 21:12 and the money changers.
7. What kind of giving is Jesus referring to in verse 38, is it money?
8. In verse 41, what are the most common “planks” that we live with?
9. Why is it so easy to see the specks in other people’s eyes?

Bear Fruit and Grow

Luke 6:43 - 46

10. How does the practice of loving, showing mercy, not judging, forgiving, create a change in one’s heart and bear fruit?
11. When Jesus describes the house on the rock, what people do you know of in your life that are examples of this? What characterizes their “house on the rock”?

Closing Questions

12. What stood out to you most from this message and/or discussion?
13. What would you say is the key application for this week?