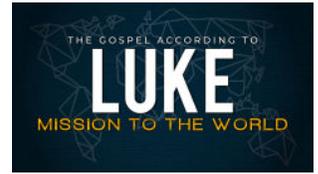


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Scripture: Luke 6:27-36



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Those who have experienced the grace of God in the gospel are commanded by Him and empowered by His Holy Spirit to love their enemies.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Whom is Jesus addressing in what has come to be known as *The Sermon on the Plain* (verse 20)? How does that aid our understanding and application of this passage?
- Which Greek word for “love” does Jesus use in his command? Why is Jesus’ command counterintuitive to the unregenerate person (Matthew 5:43)?
- How is it possible to obey this impossible command (Galatians 5)? What are some visible ways we can demonstrate our love for God and others?
- Explain how Jesus’ command does not encourage abusers to continue their behavior.
- What principle did Jesus teach with the three illustrations in verses 32-34? Is your love for others based on reciprocation?
- Do you spend pray for those who insult you? Do you demonstrate your love by generously giving your money, time, or energy?
- Discuss how adoption into God’s family and our eternal inheritance motivate us to love others, especially our enemies (verse 36; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Psalm 16:11).