



MESSAGE

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Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Community Group Material for week of January 4, 2026

Living as Children of the Most High God

Verses Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ “But I say to you who listen: Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone hits you on the cheek, offer the other also. And if anyone takes away your coat, don’t hold back your shirt either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and from someone who takes your things, don’t ask for them back. ³¹ Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them. ³² If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do what is good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High. For he is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” (CSB)

Sermon Summary

Jesus' sermon on the plain is similar to Moses' message to the people of Israel after he came down from Mount Sinai. They address the living and conduct of God's people. Jesus is giving a new or renewed covenant to his disciples. These admonitions firstly show us what God is like and then they show us what children of God are like. They are not the requirements to become children of the Most High; they are the indicators that show who are the children of the Most High. When we really see who God is and what he is like, then we will live this way by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Small Group Discussion

1. Luke 6:27-28 are radical expressions of kindness. How can we love like this?
2. Some scholars understand "hitting on the cheek" as an action of public rejection. If we understand it this way what does "offer the other" mean?
3. "Taking your coat" is probably theft. How should we understand this verse and the further response to theft?
4. Should we give to everyone who asks?
5. Verse 35 indicates our reward will be great. What do you think is the reward?
6. Luke 35-36 is a summary of what our Father is like. How have you seen God like this in your life as well as others?
7. Luke 6:27-28 are a summary or conclusion to this section. What does the warning about judging and condemning mean in practice? Why is forgiveness conditional? How should we understand the word about giving?

Pray:

1. That we would see what our Father God is really like so that we could live as his children.
2. For the new year 2026.