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## Who Is My Neighbor?

Loving Your Neighbor When It Isn't Easy

Luke 6:27–36 (HCSB)

*“But I say to you who listen: Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and from one who takes your things, don't ask for them back. <sup>31</sup> Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them. <sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do what is good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.*

### 1. EVEN WHEN YOUR NEIGHBOR IS YOUR ENEMY, YOU \_\_\_\_\_ LOVE THEM v 27

- Loving your enemies draws on a source of love from God.
- Ministry in the face of hate reveals our \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. PRAYER \_\_\_\_\_ YOU TO THE HEART OF GOD v 28

- Prayer brings God into the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Prayer changes our attitude while changing theirs.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR NEIGHBOR LETS YOU LIVE OUT THE GOLDEN RULE vv 29-31

- Treating others the way you would like to be treated, makes life \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Golden Rule brings change in others by changing us.

### 4. GIVING TO \_\_\_\_\_ MISSES THE POINT vv 32-34

- It's easy to love the loveable, the challenge is my enemies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ love and ministry miss the point.

### 5. LOVING YOUR ENEMIES HAS ITS \_\_\_\_\_ vv 35-36

- Loving your enemies is rewarded by God.
- Showing \_\_\_\_\_ shows the heart of God.

#### **The Next Step:**

Find ways to love your enemies.