



Title | Shocking Love
Series | So You Can Know For Sure
Text | Luke 6:27-36
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Sermon Notes

Luke 6:27 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 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. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 32 If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 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 get back the same amount. 35 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. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

Big Idea:

Luke 6:35 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. ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Luke 6:27-36. How do you feel about the commands Jesus gives? To what extent are they shocking? Considering Luke 6:22, what kind of enemies are primarily in view? How can you love your enemies?

Tuesday:

Read Luke 6:35-36. What are the reasons for loving our enemies? What does Jesus mean when he says, “you will be sons of the Most High?”

Wednesday

Read Mark 15:39, which describes the response of a Roman centurion who observed the way Jesus died on the cross. How did the manner in which Jesus died influence the centurion? What is the connection between the way Jesus died and what he says in Luke 6:27-36? How does this relate to you loving your enemies?

Thursday:

Read Acts 7:54-60, which records what happened after Stephen’s speech about Jesus before the Jewish council. In what ways does Stephen reflect the ethic of Jesus in Luke 6:27-36? What impact do you think this had on the “young man named Saul” who observed and supported the stoning?

Friday:

How does the shocking love of Jesus in us draw others to him? How does this relate to John 12:32? How can you cultivate this shocking love?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, may your shocking love show through me to my enemies so that they may be drawn to you. Amen.

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