

## LOVING YOUR ENEMIES

LUKE 6:27-36

Jesus' command: " \_\_\_\_\_ ." (vs. 27)

- An \_\_\_\_\_ love. (vv. 27-31)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- An \_\_\_\_\_ love. (vv. 32-35a)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- An \_\_\_\_\_ love. (vv. 35b-36)

**Take Home Idea:** Jesus is calling us to a love that is so \_\_\_\_\_,  
so \_\_\_\_\_, so \_\_\_\_\_, when you do it,  
you \_\_\_\_\_.

## FURTHER STUDY QUESTIONS

### Opening

- Who are the good guys and the bad guys from your favorite movies? What helps you identify the bad guys?
- Look at the Take Home idea. Explain it in your own words.

### Dig

- In Jesus' day, who were the enemies (cf. Luke 10:25-37) of the Jews? If you were listening to Jesus when he gave this command, what would your reaction have been?
- What specifically are we to do to enemies? Why?
- Since applying verses 29-30 literally might reinforce someone's malicious and bad behavior (think of raising your child like this), what is Jesus' point? Why does Jesus seem to contradict all of our natural ways of dealing with things?
- What is Jesus' point in vs. 32-34?
- Why do you think Jesus uses the two words, "ungrateful" and "wicked" (vs. 35) to describe those the Most High loves? What does this say about our love and our enemies?
- What is the "reward" Jesus is referring to in vs. 35?
- What chance do we have of loving our enemies in this way? How then can we follow Jesus' command?

### Reflect

- Which of three: "do good", "bless", or "pray" is the easiest for you to practice towards your enemies? Which is the most difficult?
- How is Jesus' call to "love your enemies" challenging your motives, thoughts, or attitudes? What relationship needs the most work in this area? What will you do to change the landscape of this relationship?
- Close this time by praying together as a family.