I. Synopsis

In the epic teaching, The Sermon on the Mount, Jesus explains in practical ways what it means to be considered one of His followers. We will unpack what it means to love our enemies in this two-part series, Love Anyway. Jesus challenges our mindset and actions to love as He loves.

II. Ice Breaker Question

Give an incident when you witnessed a toddler's curiosity creating a mess. What was the reaction of the adult caring for the toddler?

III. **Scripture**: Luke 6:27-35 (ESV)

IV. Discussion Questions

1. What are the three practical examples that Jesus gives to explain what it looks like to "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" Luke 6:27. This literary repetition is intended to encourage on in the reader/listener to think of ways to love our enemies. What are some other practical ways you are able to love those who do not like you?

2. Those listening interpreted the Golden Rule, "Do to others as you want them to do to you" (Luke 6:31) as "love your neighbor and hate your enemies" (Tannehill,118). How is Jesus' teaching different from the mindset of the day? What is our culture's mindset toward those who are considered your enemy?

3. Mercy means to lament the misfortune of another. Give a practical example of what mercy looks like. What is the opposite of mercy? How has God shown you mercy? How might you show mercy to others? How would this change your work place, family, and neighborhood?

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