

Text: Luke 6:27-36 (ESV)

**“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 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. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 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. 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. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”**

**Big Idea:** Loving Your Enemies: We are called to love the undeserving because Jesus loves us who are underserving.

**Outline:**

1. Who we’re called to love
2. How we can demonstrate that kind of love
3. Why we should live lives and love like this

**Questions:**

1. Who are the hardest people to love right now?
2. What does it look like to show love to that person?
3. How do you wish others would show love to you?
4. How do you respond to those who wound/hurt you?
5. Why is it hard to love others with this kind of love?
  1. What are the places/scenarios where you feel “deserving” and entitled?
  2. Have you forgotten the wonder of God’s mercy to you?

**Other Scriptures:**

- Romans 12:19-20
- Proverbs 15:1
- Romans 5:6-8, 10

“If any man thinks ill of you, do not be angry with him, for you are worse than he thinks you to be.” — Charles Spurgeon