

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Revolutionary Love

Week 2: Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27-28

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This week, we came to one of Jesus' most challenging teachings. He calls us to love our enemies. We discovered that this command is far more applicable in our everyday life than we realized.

Kicking it off: It is common for sports enthusiasts to strongly dislike the biggest rival of their favorite team. Which sports team do you "dislike" the most?

Discussion:

1. D.L. Moody chose to pass on fighting as a soldier in the Civil War and he choose instead to be a chaplain to the confederate prisoners at Camp Douglas in Chicago. What do you think of his decision? Would you have made the same decision if you were in his place?
2. Reread Luke 6:27-28
 - a. *"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."*

How do these verses help us clarify our view of "our enemies"?

3. Who could be considered your enemy with this expanded definition?
4. How does Luke 6:27-28 expand our understanding of love?
5. Reread Luke 6:29
 - a. *"If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also."*

Is this verse meant to encourage physical abuse? Why or why not?

6. Reread Luke 6:29
 - b. *"If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them."*

How could you obey this verse in the days ahead?

7. Reread Luke 6:35
 - c. *"Then you will be acting like children of the Most High because God is also kind to the wicked."*

How does God love his enemies?

Wrapping It Up: Ask God to help you reflect his radical love to your enemies this week.