

Questions, Quotes and Notes

October 9, 2022

Luke 6:27-36: Love Your Enemies

Pre-Sermon:

Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. Should we expect things in this world to be easy for us as Christians right now? Why or why not?
2. Read the following verse: 2 Timothy 3:12. What do you think this verse means?

Mid-Sermon:

We are looking at Luke 6:27-36 where Jesus teaches us the way He wants us to respond to our enemies. 1.) He tells us what to do. 2.) He shows us what doing that looks like. And 3.) He explains why we need to do that.

But instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. What is the reason Luke is writing this gospel?
2. Why did he have to write this gospel to accomplish that?
3. What is one way we said that Luke helps us understand that in this gospel?
4. What implications does the fact that Jesus came into this world and suffered and died have for us following Him now as Christians?
5. How does knowing that help you understand what Jesus means when he says blessed is the poor, etc?
6. There's no question the more we deliberately identify with Jesus the more people will oppose us. What is the question the text we are looking at today is answering however?
7. In what ways is loving your enemy a complicated command?
8. What are the specific directions Jesus gives to explain what he means by loving your enemy?
9. See if you can explain what Jesus is getting at with the illustrations he gives of loving your enemy in your own words.
10. Why did we say that these are illustrations of what loving your enemy often looks like?
11. What are the reasons we should love our enemies like this? Which reason stood out to you?

Post Sermon:

- Important Cross References and Quotes:

1. Luke 2:24,25
2. Luke 9:21ff
3. There's a time for glory for followers of Jesus. But that time is not right now. The time we are living in right now is a time when followers of Jesus are going to experience shame, suffering and persecution.
4. This is not the time where it looks like Christians are winning. This is the time when it looks like Christians are losing.
5. "It is the normal course of normal Christianity that we suffer for our faith. Citizens of the kingdom of heaven should expect to face persecution."
6. However someone is using their words to do you evil, Jesus is calling you to respond by using your words to do them spiritual good.
7. "When God tells us to love our enemies, He gives along with the command, the love itself."

- Application:

We don't want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.

1. How should we think about the fact that some of us aren't experiencing much persecution for following Jesus?
2. Are you convinced that in choosing to follow Jesus, you are choosing being shamed by the world right now?
3. How do you view being mistreated by others?
4. Why is experiencing suffering for following Jesus not just a bad thing?
5. What would look different in your life if you applied this message to your life this next year?

- How Well Was I Listening Questions:

Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.

1. What passage did we talk about today?
2. What did Pastor Josh say about it?
3. What part did you think was important?
4. Was there any part of the message that was difficult to understand?
5. How do you think you could be different as a result of this message?