

GG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | 12.28.2025

The Master's Mighty Message – Jesus Imparts a Radical Love

Luke 6:29-31 – Reactions of Divine Love

Read Luke 6:27-38

1. Jesus' commands here are extreme and intentionally shocking. Why do you think Jesus uses hyperbolic language (turning the other cheek, giving more than is taken) instead of more measured or "reasonable" instructions? What does that reveal about His priorities?
2. The sermon emphasized that you cannot separate Jesus' ethics from Jesus' person. Why is it dangerous to admire Jesus' teachings while rejecting who He is? How does this passage expose that inconsistency?
3. Jesus commands reactions that feel humanly impossible. According to the sermon and Scripture (Gal. 5:22-23; John 15:5), what actually enables a believer to live this way? How can we tell when we're relying on self-effort instead of the Spirit?
4. Think about a recent moment when you were personally wronged, insulted, or treated unfairly. What was your natural reaction? How would "loving restraint" have changed that moment – not just outwardly, but in your heart?

5. The sermon carefully distinguished between loving restraint and staying in abusive or dangerous situations. Why is that distinction so important? How can we practice Christlike love without ignoring biblical wisdom and personal safety?
6. Jesus calls His disciples to be willing to lose possessions, comfort, reputation, or rights for the sake of love and witness. What is something you instinctively cling to when it's threatened – security, respect, control, comfort? Why is it so hard to let go?
7. "Give to everyone who begs from you" describes a posture of open-handed readiness, not naïveté. What helps us discern genuine need without becoming cold, suspicious, or reluctant to help? Where do you personally struggle more – with discernment or generosity?
8. Jesus says not to demand back what is taken, and the sermon tied this to forgiveness and canceled debt in Christ. Is there someone you are still "keeping a ledger" against – emotionally, relationally, or spiritually? What would release look like in that situation?
9. Jesus summarizes these reactions by calling us to treat others as we wish to be treated – even enemies. How does this

challenge the way we talk about people we disagree with (online, politically, culturally, or personally)? Where is respect hardest for you right now?

10. The sermon concluded by saying, "Our enemies are not our obstacles – they are our mission field." How would your daily life change if you truly believed that the people who frustrate, oppose, or mistreat you are opportunities for gospel witness rather than interruptions?

Which of the five reactions – restraint, renunciation, readiness, release, respect – do you sense the Holy Spirit most clearly pressing on your heart right now? What is one concrete step of obedience you can take this week?