



Faith, Hope and Love || Love and Enemies

Luke 6:27-36

We have been in the Faith, Hope and Love series for a couple of months and we have been challenged to understand Paul's words that are found in I Corinthians 13:13.

- *Look up the verse and read it together. How has this series impacted you and your walk with the Lord?*

Read Luke 6:27-36 with your group

- *Reading verses 27-31, do you find it difficult to practice these commands in your daily life? Why or why not?*
- *The last verse tells us to be merciful just as our Father has been merciful; how has the Lord been merciful to you?*

Learning to love your enemies goes against our natural instincts. We would rather ignore, correct or seek vengeance against our enemies. Jesus' commands us to love our enemies even though it's not the cultural thing to do.

- *Who are your enemies?*
- *What is the benefit of loving your enemies as Christ wants us to?*

The basis of us being able to love our enemies is forgiveness. We must remind ourselves that the ultimate example of forgiveness is when Christ died for our sins and forgave us. The grace and mercy the Lord gives us is what we must give others.

- *We must be transformed by the love of God to learn to forgive, what does that transformation look like in your life?*
- *How can loving our enemies strengthen our relationship with the Lord?*
- *Finish your time tonight reading Romans 12:14-21 and share with your group what God is teaching you with these words*