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remedies for a hurting world

Revolutionary Response

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Key Scriptures: Luke 6:22–36

DISCUSSION GUIDE

This is week three in the Dr. Luke series. We look at the passage where Jesus tells us that not only will we have enemies, but we are to love them. Jesus provides a revolutionary response to those who mistreat us on account of our faith in Him. Our natural human response is to get back or get even. Or even more, we want to be right. Luke not only shows us what to do, but he shows us the why and how of what to do. Through this scripture, we see that love is the remedy for an uninterested world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to Sunday's message. What do you remember? Review your notes if you have them. If you're with a life group, talk with them about anything you found memorable or confusing.
2. Is there anyone in this world that you would describe as your enemy?
3. Read Luke 6:22–36. How many positive responses to mistreatment did Jesus command?
4. What was Jesus' basic reason for His command to love others unconditionally?
5. What title did Jesus give to those who love their enemies?
6. Who are we imitating when we love our enemies?
7. Jesus teaches that we are to "Turn the Other Cheek." In part, this means that we are to resist the desire to retaliate against others when they do us wrong. Has there been a time in your life that you retaliated against someone? How did that work out for you?
8. What does it look like practically to live out these commands of Jesus?
9. Read 1 Peter 4:12–19. Peter reminds the church to expect suffering for the cause of Christ. How is this attitude different from the attitude that most American Christians have towards suffering and trials because of their faith in Christ?
10. Knowing that suffering can persuade you to doubt God's love and plan for you, what can you do to counter these fears and doubts?
11. Verse 19 indicates that believers should demonstrate their trust in God by continuing to do good in the midst of difficulty. What about our God allows us to have confidence that we can trust Him in the midst of our difficulty? What is the connection with "committing ourselves to the Creator" and "continuing to do good?"
12. What's one thing you learned from Sunday's message and today's discussion that will help you become a better disciple of Christ, and help others to do the same?

NOW WHAT?

Be on the offense with love.

