

## **“LOVE YOUR ENEMIES”**

Luke 6:27-42

Key Verse: 6:27

**“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ...”**

1. Read verses 27-31. What command did Jesus give to “you who are listening”? How are the acts of enemies described? How did Jesus tell his disciples to respond? How is it possible for you to practice this love (31; Jn 3:16; Ro 5:8)?
2. What do the words “if you...even sinners” imply (32-34)? In contrast, what does Jesus command of his disciples (35)? What is their reward? What can we learn here about the nature of love Jesus wants us to have (36)?
3. As disciples of Jesus, what should we not do, and what should we do (37-38a)? What are the consequences? Why is it important to forgive others and to give generously? What blessings does Jesus promise to those who give (38)?
4. What is the spiritual meaning of being blind and what is the danger of such blindness (39)? Who are the student and the teacher in this parable (40)? How did Jesus teach the importance of training to his disciples?
5. How does Jesus describe hypocrisy (41-42a)? To what do the words “plank” and “speck” refer? How can we avoid hypocrisy (42b)?