

# Luke 6:27-49

## The way of discipleship



### The text – Luke 6: 27-49

1. Jesus exhorts his listeners to change the way they live; to change their practices. Jesus tells his disciples what they need to *do*. Start your study by reading and discussing Luke 6:27-49. What is the difference between “hearing” Jesus and “hearing and obeying” Jesus? Notice throughout this passage how often Jesus speaks about hearing or listening (6:27 for example). But discipleship is much more than merely hearing.
2. Luke 6:31 originally comes from OT teachings such as Leviticus 19:18. Read it. How does Jesus extend this teaching? What is so radical about what Jesus is teaching?
3. Note the three questions that are asked in Luke 6:32-36. What is the repeated point that is being made?
4. In Luke 6:34 Jesus teaches about “rewards”. How does God reward us? If we love our enemies and don’t expect to get paid back, how are we rewarded? What do the Scriptures promise?
5. Discuss Luke 6:37-38. Is Jesus teaching that we should not judge one another at all? What is he teaching in this portion of Scripture?
6. In Luke 6:39-49, Jesus tells four short stories. Two are about the way we see or look, and the other two are about the foundations of our lives. Discuss at least one of these stories in detail. What is the main point Jesus is making?

### The Scriptures – Luke 6: 27-49 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. Some of the teachings in Luke 6 are also found in Matthew 5-7, the portion of Scripture that is often called the sermon on the mount. Read some or all of Matthew 7:1-29. What comparisons and contrasts do you notice?
8. In NT letters such as Romans, Paul also teaches about loving one’s enemies. Read, for example, Romans 12:9-21. Compare the teachings of Paul with those of Jesus. Why is the treatment of one’s enemies such an important topic for NT writers of Scripture?

### Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 6: 27-49 as a portion of the Scriptures

9. In Luke 6, Jesus has been teaching about the way of discipleship. What are the main practices of Jesus’ disciples according to this portion of Scripture? Talk about your discipleship practices. What do you do each day that is characteristic of your discipleship? As a disciple of Jesus, what do you not do each day because you are a disciple? What do you not practice?
10. Talk about some of the struggles or challenges that you have in your life as a disciple. How can we help you, for example, to forgive others who have hurt you? To love your enemies? To give generously? What else can we do to encourage you?