

radical rule

Luke 6.27-36

This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.



PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS:

The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.

Pray & read Luke 6.27-36

What are the two most striking things in this reading?

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What puzzles you the most in this reading?

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How does this reading make you **feel**?

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What do you **think** in response to this reading?

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What will you **do** in response to this reading?

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS: Pray for your discussion time

who to love | read Luke 6.27-28 – [check to see if anyone had a stand-out, or something puzzling from this section]

▸ What is radical about the love of Jesus when it comes to the **who** of love?

▸ Why is the **who** (no names or specific situations) of the radical love of Jesus so hard for you to implement? What is going on **in you** so that it is far easier to not love, not do good, not bless, not pray for your enemies?

how to love | read Luke 6.29-31

▸ What is radical about the love of Jesus when it comes to the **how** of love?

▸ Why is the **how** (no names or specific situations) of the radical love of Jesus so hard for you to implement? Does this teaching of Jesus undermine your sense of Justice (treating people as they deserve)?

why to love | read Luke 6.32-36

▸ What two reasons does Jesus give for his radical love ethic? (vv35-36) Does the teaching of Jesus undermine Justice (treating people as they deserve) or trump it with a better category?

▸ Do you find the **whys** of the radical love of Jesus to be powerful and liberating motivators?

Think it through: radical love

▸ Which is more loving, for God to treat you with Justice or Mercy? How does God demonstrate this radical love to you?

▸ Now you know the **whys** of love, where can you put on the radical love of Jesus in the specifics of the **whos** and the **hows** of this week?

PRAY! (it's a loving thing to do 😊)