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Jesus' Call to Love Our Enemies

## WEEK 3 - COMPASSION LIKE THE FATHER OVERVIEW

In the next few verses of this passage, we discover the core motivation for loving our enemies: the compassion of God. It is his kindness, grace, and compassion towards *us* which has set us free from the sinful patterns of our old life. If we have been so graciously loved despite our sin, it makes perfect sense for us to begin offering that same compassion to others. We are children of the one who gave everything for undeserving humanity. It's time to start demonstrating the love our Father by loving those who don't deserve it ourselves.

*You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.*

**Luke 6:36**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think of a time you borrowed something that you really needed from someone - a tool, an item for hosting a party, money. What would it have meant to you to not have to pay it back with interest or even at all?
2. Read [Luke 6:35-36](#).
  - a. Have you ever loaned something to someone without expecting to be repaid? How did that go?
  - b. Have you ever been kind to those who are unthankful and wicked? Was it difficult to do? How did it make you feel?
  - c. Why should we be kind and compassionate, like our Father?
3. Barry suggested four practical ways to love your enemy. For each one, describe what it means, and give an example of how to do it.
  - a. Shock them with unexpected mercy.
  - b. Remember the grace you've received.
  - c. See them with fresh eyes.
  - d. Ask God for help.
4. Ask yourself these questions: How often have I squandered the grace that has been offered to me time and time again? How often have I chosen to sin even when I know God has set me free of its power? How often have I - even as a Christ-follower - chosen to do my own thing instead of trusting God?
  - a. Barry said, "when you live in the light of grace, it becomes far easier to be gracious." Do you agree? If so, explain how this can help us trust God and offer grace to others.

## RESOURCES

Corrie ten Boom's full account of her encounter with the guard in Munich:

<https://guideposts.org/positive-living/guideposts-classics-corrie-ten-boom-forgiveness/>

Between Sundays Podcast: [www.gracechurch.us/podcast](http://www.gracechurch.us/podcast)