

Questions, Quotes and Notes

October 16, 2022

Luke 6:36-38: Show Mercy!

Pre-Sermon: Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. Think about a time when you felt like someone mistreated you. What was your attitude toward them?

Mid-Sermon:

We are continuing to look at Luke 6:27-38 where Jesus teaches us the way He wants us to respond to our enemies. Last week, we saw that we were to love our enemies and specifically we talked about love's actions. Today we are going to talk about **love's attitude**. Specifically, we are going to look at 1.) what that attitude is, 2.) why we should have that attitude and 3.) what having that attitude looks like. But instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. What is this sermon about? What question is it answering?
2. What is the normal way people are responding to their "enemies" right now? What are some examples of that? How does this sometimes even show up in the church? What is contempt? Are there any kinds of people you are tempted to have contempt for?
3. What is supposed to be our attitude toward our enemies?
4. What does it mean to be merciful?
5. Who are the people Jesus is commanding to be merciful? And who are the people God is commanding them to be merciful to? And why is that surprising?
6. Why should we be merciful?
7. Do you think you appreciate the mercy of God? How might you learn to be more amazed by God's mercy to you? Why is it important that you are?
8. What are some ways you judge and condemn others? Who are you most tempted to do that too? What would it look like for you to be more serious about sin and more generous toward sinners?
9. How do you think we are doing as a church in this area? How can you help us improve?

Post Sermon:

- Important Cross References and Quotes:

1. Hebrews 11:35-37
2. "There never was such an instance of goodness, mercy, pity, and compassion since the world began: all the mercy and goodness among creatures falls infinitely short of it: this is goodness that never was, never will, never can be paralleled by any other being." Jonathan Edwards

- Application: We don't want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.

1. What does it mean to be a merciful person?
2. You probably think you are a pretty merciful person. But, think about your conversations this past week. If we recorded what you said about others when they were not around, would we think you were a merciful person?
3. Who are you most tempted to treat with contempt? Why?
4. Do you think you appreciate how much mercy God has shown you? How often do you give thanks to God? How often do you complain about your life? Which do you do more? What does that say about how much you appreciate God's mercy?
5. Why is it so vital the church responds differently to its enemies than the world does?
6. We might struggle a bit applying this sermon because we only think of enemies in such serious terms. But also think about the people you just don't like, or who you feel have hurt you or disrespect you. How should the way you relate to them be different as a result of what we studied together today?

- How Well Was I Listening Questions: Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.

1. What passage did we talk about today? What did Pastor Josh say about it? What part did you think was important?
2. What would it look like for you to be merciful to your brothers and sisters? To other people at school? Why should you be merciful?
3. Was there any part of the message that was difficult to understand?
4. How do you think you could be different as a result of this message?