

Community Group Homework Questions

Song (Optional): “Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor” OR “Like a River Glorious” (Public Domain)

1. How would you explain to an unbeliever that the call to love your enemies is not the sort of thing that *makes* you a child of God, but rather the sort of thing that *marks* you as a child of God? Why is this distinction important?
2. Pastor Bryan mentioned that some Christians argue that God doesn’t love all unbelievers, but only the elect, and that they sometimes try to use Scripture to make their case. Read 1 John 2:15-17. How can you reconcile this command with God’s love for the lost (e.g. John 3:16)?
3. In our culture, most people associate the word “judgment” with “condemnation.” What do we mean when we talk about “judging” people or actions, and how is that different from God’s judgment? Consider the two usages of the word in 1 Cor. 5:12-13.
4. Are there areas of your life, especially as relate to ministry, that you struggle with being overly critical, harsh, or quick to judge? How can we “put off” these tendencies in ourselves?
5. Where in our lives and personal character can we “put on” the sort of generous spirit that’s described in verse 38

Going Above and Beyond

Luke 6:32-38

Series #36

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“Going Above and Beyond.”** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is the first question in the Gimper’s Manual?
2. When we break the Sermon on the Mount up into several parts, it is easy for us to miss some of the what?
3. What is a repetitive statement Jesus makes which we saw in last week’s sermon and we’ll see in today’s sermon?
4. What is another phrase that Jesus repeats in this text of Luke?
5. Do you, as a Christian, go above and beyond or are you just like everyone else in society? Does the presence of Christ in your life make such a difference that you stand out in a crowd?
6. The point Jesus is making in verse 32 is that even unbelievers do what?
7. It doesn’t take much character, will power, or strength to do what?
8. Verse 34 is pressing us to have what kind of a spirit?
9. When we love those who hate us and do good to those who hate us, we are what?
10. The phrase, “sons of Belial” (KJV) actually means what?

11. When it comes to those who hate you, do you mimic God?

12. In verse 35 we are told that God is what?

13. Does God love those who don't love Him, those who are unregenerate, those who are unthankful and evil, and lost?

14. We like to make God in our what?

15. In Psalm 50:21, God says, "...you thought that I was..." what?

16. Do you extend mercy and grace to others?

17. Is the command of verse 37 a command to be undiscerning, to be tolerant of every aberrant doctrine and condoning all behavior?

18. All three commands of verse 37 are telling us to be what?

19. What are some ways that the "Judge not..." command is misused in our culture?

20. If Jesus is saying that it is always wrong to say that something or someone is wrong, then Jesus did not do what?

21. What passages of Scripture actually tell us to judge?

22. What church did the Apostle Paul rebuke for not judging?

23. What is Jesus prohibiting in His statement, "Judge not...."?

24. Do you have a tendency to see faults in others instead of seeing and dealing with you own faults first?

25. Do you have a critical, condemning, unforgiving spirit where you look for wrong, try to find fault, and hope to find error?

26. What verse commands us to be careful in life, and doctrine, and ministry, and teaching?

27. Jesus warns that if you are hypercritical toward others, then they will be what?

28. Are you gracious and giving and generous?

29. If you are gracious and generous to others, they will be what?

30. In the Biblical times, people often wore robes that were used to do what?

31. The point Jesus is saying throughout these verses is that if we belong to Him, we should what?