

WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING: Day #2

Castleton Community Church | Luke 6:27-36 | Songs: #46, #128, #129, #165

Luke 6:27-36

27 "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

32 "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

PRAYER #1: Luke 6:20-26 - Reminders from Sunday

- i) Blessings that surprise us: The poor—theirs is the kingdom of heaven; the hungry—will be satisfied; the weeping—they will laugh; those hated and reviled for loving Jesus—receive a great reward in heaven and will be in good company.
- ii) Woes that surprise us: The rich—what you see now is what you get; the filled—will be hungry; the laughing—will mourn and weep; those approved by men—are on the wrong side.
- iii) Pray that God would help us demonstrate humility both individually and as a church.
- iv) Pray we would hunger for God and receive his promised blessing of being satisfied in Him.

PRAYER #2: Love Your Enemies

- i) Pray for the enemies of the cross and those who persecute God's people.
- ii) Pray for the persecuted church around the world.
- iii) Pray for our global partners and their work among those who hate the gospel.
 - a. Humphreys - UAE
 - b. Foltzes - Thailand
 - c. Good News For India

PRAYER #3 - Unreached Peoples

- i) Have each person in your circle pick an unreached people group from the handout to pray for. Pray God will raise up laborers to be sent with the light of the gospel to these people groups.

PRAYER #4 - Closer to Home

- i) Pray silently for relationships in your own life where you find it difficult to love that person or forgive them.
- ii) Then pray together for our church to collectively reflect God's mercy to others (vs. 36).