

## On Being Merciful

A Study of Luke 6:27-38

**Luke 6:27** "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28** bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. **29** To him who strikes you on the *one* cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold *your* tunic either. **30** Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask *them* back. **31** And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. **32** "But if you love those who love you, what credit 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 credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34** And if you lend *to those* from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. **35** But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. **36** Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. **37** "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **38** Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." *New King James Version*

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**Big Idea:** Our strength to cross over comes from our weakness.

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## For Reflection & Discussion

- 1.) What makes it difficult for you to receive God's mercy?
- 2.) Where have you seen God's mercy in your life?
- 3.) What do you imagine could happen if you "crossed over"?
- 4.) How do you fit "crossing over" into a schedule that seems so full?
- 5.) Who are those who have "crossed over" into your life and shown you God's mercy?
- 6.) Where is your heart drawn to "cross over"?

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