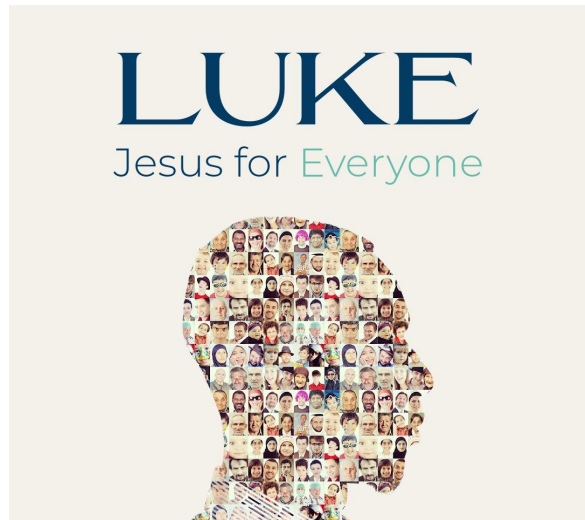


# LUKE: JESUS FOR EVERYONE

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## Luke 6:27-38

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.\* Your reward will be great, and you will

be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

## REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase or image stands out to you?
2. Are any of these teachings at the core of your spirituality? WHICH ones? Which do you find most challenging or unsettling?
3. Eugene Peterson translates the beginning of this teaching: "do not let your enemies bring out the worst in you, but the best." What does this kind of non-retaliation look like and mean in your life or our world today?
4. Surely Jesus isn't teaching us to let just anything go. What do you think Jesus means not to judge or condemn?
5. Who in your life has inspired you by living out these teachings?

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