

## WHERE IS THE LOVE? Luke 6: 27-38

The process of discipleship begins with a desire to learn more about Jesus (John 1:37-39) The next step is to respond to the call of Jesus as He says “follow Me” (Matt. 4: 18-20) The real growth in the discipleship process happens when we stay in close relationship with the One who is our teacher. We need to be constantly aware of His presence.

As we seek to make disciples, we must plan to sacrifice time to spend with the persons we are teaching. God does not want us to expect a program to develop disciples. Personal interaction with those who are following Christ is the best method.

Jesus asks from us a display of supernatural love. It is not something we can produce on our own, but if Christ lives in our hearts, He will produce through us what He asks of us. Jesus lived by prayer (Luke 6: 12; John 7: 53- 8:1) and loved by example

Since He is requiring supernatural love, where is the evidence in our lives?

### I. DISCIPLES ARE TO MANIFEST SUPERNATURAL LOVE

#### Luke 6:27-38

"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.

- A. Show your enemy the kind of love God showed you when you were His enemy. *Romans 5:8-10 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. [10] For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*
- B. Your enemy is doing you a great spiritual service because

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### II. DISCIPLES ARE TO MANIFEST SUPERNATURAL GRACE

[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.

- A. Our responses and actions have to be different because of Christ in us!
- B. Only those who have received mercy and forgiveness are able to share it

### **III. DISCIPLES MANIFEST AN UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S PAYBACK PLAN**

[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."

- A. We are to judge every sinful action, yet we cannot pass judgment on everyone's motives.
- B. We experience God's forgiveness as we forgive those who sin against us
- C. God gives back more than you can ever imagine, both good and painful!

**CHRIST SAID WE WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS HIS DISCIPLES BY THE WAY WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER. WHAT ARE YOU KNOWN FOR?**

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