



Luke 6:17-42 – Love is Hard 2/5/17

## How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. (SOAP)

## Sermon Main Idea:

Jesus calls us out of the values of the world to live in an alternate reality in the Kingdom of God.

## Introduction:

1. What are some common ways people define love today?
2. What categories of people are you tempted to think are excluded from God's blessings?

## SOAP:

**Scripture** | read Luke 6:17-42 and relate last week's daily bible readings

**Observation** | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What is the setting of our passage? Who is Jesus speaking too? (vs. 17-19)
2. What values is Jesus describing here?
3. What are the three general topics Jesus addresses in this passage?
4. How would Christ's audience find his words shocking or surprising?
5. Based on his instructions here and His other teachings, how would Jesus define the concept of love? (vs. 27-42)

**Application** | what can we apply to our life today?

1. How does Jesus turn the values of our world upside down in the blessings and woes? (vs. 20-26)
2. What keeps you from loving your enemies? (vs. 27-36)
3. What does it mean to judge others? What is wrong with it from God's perspective? (vs. 37-42)
4. Which of Jesus' instructions here do you want to "but" your way out of? Why? (vs. 27-42)
5. What enemy can you begin to love? Who can you stop judging?
6. How can you respond to this passage in your relationship with God (Up)? In your relationship with those in the church (In)? Or, in your relationship with those outside the church (Out)?

**Prayer** | ask God to help you live out your application

## Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 1/30 – Luke 5:1-11 – Fish for People

Tuesday, 1/31 – Luke 5:12-26 – Jesus' Miracles

Wednesday, 2/1 – Luke 5:27-32 – Jesus Eats with Sinners

Thursday, 2/2 – Luke 5:33-39 – Jesus Questioned

Friday, 2/3 – Luke 6:1-16 – Jesus is Lord

Weekend, 2/4-6 – Luke 6:17-42 – Love for Enemies