



## **Study Questions: Week 4**

### ***“If nobody gets hurt, what’s the harm?”***

#### **Opener:**

- A. In our society, most people respond one of two ways to conflict: fight (engage in conflict) or flight (avoid conflict). What is your natural tendency?
- B. When was the last time you showed kindness to a stranger? When was the last time you showed kindness to someone you know doesn't like you?

In today's study, we will see how important it is to help others, especially our enemies, and to treat them with the love of Christ.

1. Ask a co-leader or apprentice leader to open in prayer.
2. Read Luke 6:27-36, and answer the following questions:
  - a. What is your first, honest reaction to the words of Jesus when He tells His followers to love their enemies?
  - b. Why do you think Jesus addressed the issue of loving one's enemies?
  - c. Why do you think Jesus mentioned those who ask for things? What point do you think Jesus is trying to make with those statements?
  - d. How was Christ trying to encourage those who gave selflessly and sacrificially to other people?
3. In verse 31, Jesus teaches about what is commonly known as “The Golden Rule.” Society seems to make its own version of this rule. How?
4. The following four points were given for the purpose of helping us apply these verses to our lives. Read the scripture references and elaborate on each one:
  - a. Seek the Lord for what He wants you to do. (Luke 6:27-28)
  - b. When the Lord reveals what He wants you to do, then do it. (Proverbs 3:27-28)
  - c. If you fail to do it, you have sinned. (James 4:13-15)
  - d. Be merciful as the Lord has been merciful to you. (Luke 6:36)
5. The truth claim is, “If nobody gets helped, that is the harm.” Read Matthew 25:42-43. How does this passage affect the way you live your life? Explain.
6. What is one thing you want to take away from this week's study to make a change in your life? How does this text challenge you to follow Jesus?
7. Close your time praying for each other and how he/she answered question #6.