

Getting Started

1. Would you ever consider housing a refugee? Why or why not?
2. Has God ever asked you to do something you simply do not want to do? What did he ask you? Did you do it?
3. Do you consider yourself a Christian first or an American first? Explain.
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. **Belgic Confession Article 24:**

We believe that this true faith, produced in us by the hearing of God's Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, regenerates us and makes us new creatures,⁵⁸ causing us to live a new life⁵⁹ and freeing us from the slavery of sin.

Therefore, far from making people cold toward living in a pious and holy way, this justifying faith, quite to the contrary, so works within them that apart from it they will never do a thing out of love for God but only out of love for themselves and fear of being condemned.

⁵⁸ 2 Cor. 5:17 ⁵⁹ Rom. 6:4

Is it possible to do good apart from God?

6. Paul echoes Christ's words from Luke 6 in Romans 12:14-21. How challenging are these words for you to read and put into practice?
7. How does 1 Peter 2:14-20 fit with Luke 6:27-36?
8. Monday, January 18th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. He once famously said "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." How does this quote tie in with what we read in Luke 6:27-36?

Application

9. Jesus' challenge to love our enemies is one that we often overlook or disregard all together. Your challenge this week and beyond is to take Jesus' teaching to heart and love your enemies. How can you do that today?

Questions

January 18 – Gen 19-21 – This is the second time that Abraham tells someone that Sarah is his sister. Does he not trust that God will protect him?

January 19 – Gen 22-24 – Why is God adamant that Isaac must marry one of Abraham's relatives?

January 20 – Gen 25-26 – Is it odd that Abraham ended up having so many other children after going through such a struggle to have Isaac with Sarah?

January 21 – Gen 27-29 – Why is Jacob surrounded by treachery?

January 22 – Gen 30-31 – Is what Jacob did with the flock dishonest?

January 23 – Gen 32-34 – Did Jacob really wrestle with God or did he wrestle with an angel?

January 24 – Gen 35-37 – We witness another name change, Jacob to Israel. Why the name change?

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The Gospel According to Luke

“Different Questions”

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”
Luke 6:27, 28

- **Jesus challenges our _____, _____ and even our way of _____.**
- **Jesus _____ us to live _____ ourselves.**
- **We are to live as a _____ of the Most High.**

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