

Jesus Magnified

Luke 6

Lesson 5

FIRST DAY: Read Luke 6

It is easy to get it wrong when we take the law into our own hands. We can become judgmental, then attack and criticize the wrong people. In so doing, we miss the true purpose and application of the law.

In Luke 6 Jesus corrected the misguided interpretations that many Jews had concerning the law. Jesus not only exemplified how the law was to be lived out, but He showed the depth of the law's reach when He taught. The sermon found in Luke 6 has been called the Sermon on the Plain, and it is similar in content to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7.

In biblical times most people were illiterate and parchments were expensive, so preachers would preach the same sermon to different audiences. That way, everyone would be able to hear and receive the same message. This vital message is ours today as we read Luke 6 and recognize that only through Jesus can we truly be right before God!

Ask the Lord to correct any misconceptions you have about His law and renew your appreciation for the righteousness of Jesus.

SECOND DAY: Read Luke 6:1-11

1. The *Sabbath* (the seventh day of the week) was instituted as a holy day to rest in remembrance of God. What happened *on the second Sabbath*? Luke 6:1
 - a. What did the Pharisees say about this? Luke 6:2
 - (1) The Pharisees believed Jesus and the disciples were guilty of working on the *Sabbath*, which broke the Mosaic Law. How did Jesus refute this? Luke 6:3-4
 - (a) What do you think Jesus was showing the Pharisees through this example?
2. From Luke 6:5 record Jesus' declaration concerning the *Sabbath*.
 - a. What was Jesus communicating?

3. Use Luke 6:6-11 to note the actions of each of the following people *on another Sabbath*:

a. The man with the *withered hand*

b. The *scribes and Pharisees*

(1) What does their behavior reveal about them?

c. Jesus

(1) What does this incident reveal about Jesus?

4. What is your takeaway from today's study?

THIRD DAY: Read Luke 6:12-19

1. From Luke 6:12 reflect and comment on what Jesus did.

a. Cite His next activity. Luke 6:13

(1) What do you find significant about this?

2. From Luke 6:14-16 list the *twelve* Jesus *called*.

a. Share something interesting you note about these men.

3. Use Luke 6:17-19 to answer the following:

a. Where did the *multitude* come from?

b. What kinds of people came?

c. What did Jesus do for these people?

4. How does your study today speak to you about prayer?

FOURTH DAY: Read Luke 6:20-26

1. The rest of Luke 6 is Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Luke 6:20-23 form what are commonly known as Beatitudes (a list of blessings). Use these verses to fill in the chart below:

Blessed are ...	For ...	Your response
Verse 20		
Verse 21a		
Verse 21b		
Verse 22-23		

- a. From these Beatitudes share what:
- (1) Speaks to you most
 - (2) Challenges you most
2. *Woe* is an expression of regret. With this in mind, use Luke 6:24-26 to fill in the following chart:

Woe to ...	For ...	Your response
Verse 24		
Verse 25a		
Verse 25b		
Verse 26		

- a. What stands out to you from these woes?

3. Keep in mind the crowd Jesus gave this message to (Luke 6:17–18). What do you think their reaction might have been to these truths?

4. How do the Beatitudes affect your perspective on life?

FIFTH DAY: Read Luke 6:27–38

1. In Luke 6:27 Jesus said to *love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.* Use Luke 6:28–30 to list the practical ways we are to do this.
 - a. Suggest a way you can *love your enemies* today.

2. Write Jesus' words from Luke 6:31, often referred to as the *Golden Rule.*
 - a. Why is this a good rule to live by?

3. Use Luke 6:32–34 to identify the point Jesus was making concerning our treatment of others.

4. Use Luke 6:35–36 to answer the following:
 - a. How are we to treat our enemies?

 - b. What is our motivation?
- c. How is God our example?

5. Read Luke 6:37-38 (NLT) and answer the questions that follow. *Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full – pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.*
 - a. The word *judge* implies pronouncing final judgment or condemning someone. Why is this the wrong kind of judgment for believers to practice? See also 1 Corinthians 4:4-5.
 - b. How does this passage motivate you in regard to giving?
 - c. Which of the principles in these verses speaks to you most?

SIXTH DAY: Read Luke 6:39-49

1. Jesus continued His sermon with several parables, which have been defined as *earthly stories with a heavenly meaning*. His first parable in Luke 6:39-40 dealt with those who teach others. What did Jesus say about this?
 - a. What will happen to those who are *trained* by their teacher?
2. In His second parable, Jesus used a *speck* and *plank* in the *eye* to illustrate how we are to deal with sin in others and ourselves. Use Luke 6:41-42 to explain how we are to handle such things.
 - a. How can the application of this principle help you in your relationships with others?
3. Jesus' third parable used nature to illustrate the *fruit* of a person's life. Use Luke 6:43-44 to explain how *every tree is known by its own fruit*.
4. In each of our hearts there is a treasury. What did Jesus say about this treasury? Luke 6:45
 - a. What do you desire to *treasure* in your heart?
 - b. What things do you need to discard from your treasury?

5. Compare Luke 6:46 with Matthew 7:21–23. What do you see?

6. Use Jesus' final parable in Luke 6:47–49 to describe the person who:
 - a. *Hears* Jesus' words and *does them*

 - b. *Hears* Jesus' words and does *nothing*
 - (1) Link this with James 1:22–25. What do you see?

7. From your study this week, share something that ministered to you from:
 - a. Jesus' example

 - b. Jesus' sermon

8. How was Jesus magnified through your study this week?