

Crossroads Covenant Church  
sermon-based small group discussion guide for March 10, 2019

**Getting to Know Us-** building intimacy in your small group

1. What were your hobbies as a youth? Have you continued with them, or do you have new hobbies now?

**Getting into the Word-** edification by digging deeper into the message

1. Read together the Scriptures for this week's message, from Luke 6:27-36.
2. In v27-30, Jesus raises the bar for His disciples by contrasting the religious standards of the day with Spirit-filled, supernatural responses. Discuss each of these comparisons (e.g. prayer vs. abuse), and discuss the reasons why Jesus expects His disciples to act this way when victimized by others and by the world.
3. Read together from Luke 23:34a. Discuss how this one simple sentence spoken aloud by Jesus on the cross reflects many parts of our Luke 6 passage. How does His radical demonstration of divine love (AGAPE) encourage us to be radical in demonstrating that same divine love in the world?
4. Read together from both Matthew 7:12 and Matthew 22:35-40. Reflect on how Jesus twice summarized the entire Old Testament. Then discuss how these two passages are similar, and how they reveal God's perfect standards of holiness to us.

**Application-** vulnerability in sharing personal experiences

1. This week Pastor Aaron shared the story of Pastor Peter Miller and Michael Whitman. Have you ever been in a similar situation where someone despised you thoroughly, and yet your intercession in their darkest time led to a reconciliation and friendship? Have you ever been in a situation where you despised someone else until they interceded with others on your behalf in your darkest time?