

Study Questions for the January 17, 2021 Sermon:
“Loving When You Are Empty”
Luke 6:27-35

1. January 17 was *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday*. In Luke 6:27, Jesus commands us to love our enemies.
 - a. If you are pro-life, do you consider people who are pro-choice your enemies?
 - b. How might someone who is pro-life conform to Luke 6:27 if they are engaged in discussion with someone who is pro-choice?
2. Napoleon said: "I have founded (an empire) ... upon force. Jesus Christ founded His empire upon love ... Everything in Him astonishes me." As parents and supervisors, we may have the authority to use force, and discipline people. How might we handle those situations so that we act like Jesus rather than Napoleon?
3. Jesus insulted people at times. He compared them to whitewashed sepulchers, appearing clean and attractive on the outside, but full of corruption inside. He also called people hypocrites. When Jesus insulted people, was he contradicting his own teachings in Luke 6:27-30?
4. Memory Question: Pastor Paul stated some benefits to loving those who do not love us. Name one of those benefits.
5. Pastor Paul stated that the men credited with starting off the Reformation all did some horrible things. In fact, it is rare to find a great leader whose reputation is not undermined by some disgraceful behavior. As Christians, how do we avoid getting discouraged when we learn of the bad behavior of someone to whom we looked for inspiration?
6. Some people have been victims of very bad behavior.
 - a. Pastor Paul mentioned Christians who have been tortured for their faith.
 - b. Many women at NWB, when giving their testimony, have mentioned being sexually abused while still children.
 - c. People have lost good jobs because of false accusations.