SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Luke

Chapter 6

Merciful as Your Father Is Merciful

MEMORY VERSE · LUKE 6:35–36

“But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.””

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Luke 6

In Luke 6 Jesus tells His disciples how His kingdom lives — upside down from the world, merciful like the Father, and built on doing what He says. This week He is asking you to do the hardest thing He ever asked: love the people who hurt you, because He loved you first.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the Luke study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

Lord of the Sabbath

READ · LUKE 6:1–11

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the Pharisees accuse the disciples of, what did Jesus call Himself, and what did He do for the man in the synagogue (6:2, 5, 10)?

REFLECT

The scribes and Pharisees watched Jesus "closely" hoping to catch Him (6:7). When you watch other men, are you looking for something to accuse or someone to help?

REFLECT

Jesus asked, "is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath?" (6:9). Where have you used rules — even good ones — as a reason not to help someone who needed it?

RESPOND — TODAY

Do one good thing today for someone in need that you would normally have found a reason to skip.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (LUKE 6:35–36)

DAY 2 OF 5

All Night in Prayer

READ · LUKE 6:12–19

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did Jesus do before He chose the Twelve, how long did He do it, and whom did He choose (6:12–16)?

REFLECT

Right after His enemies plotted against Him (6:11), Jesus "spent the whole night in prayer to God" (6:12). When pressure comes at you, do you go to prayer first or last?

REFLECT

Jesus chose ordinary men — fishermen, a tax collector, a zealot, and even Judas (6:14–16). What does it mean to you that He chooses ordinary and flawed men for His work?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pick one decision in front of you and give it real prayer time today before you act on it.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Blessed and Woe

READ · LUKE 6:20–26

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List the four kinds of people Jesus calls blessed and the four He warns with "woe" (6:20–26).

REFLECT

Jesus says, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh" (6:21). What grief are you carrying right now, and how does knowing "now" is not the last word change how you carry it?

REFLECT

Which woe hits closest to home for you — comfort, being full, laughing at everything, or wanting everyone to speak well of you (6:24–26)? Why that one?

RESPOND — TODAY

Tell God honestly where you are poor, hungry or hurting today, and thank Him that His kingdom belongs to people like that.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Love Your Enemies

READ · LUKE 6:27–38

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What four things does Jesus tell us to do for enemies, and why does He say the Father is our pattern (6:27–28, 35–36)?

REFLECT

Jesus says love your enemies, do good to them, bless them, and pray for them (6:27–28). Who is the person you would least like to pray for — and what keeps you from doing it?

REFLECT

"Pardon, and you will be pardoned" (6:37). Is there someone you are holding a grudge against while you are asking God to forgive you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray by name for one person who has hurt you, out loud, and ask God to do him good.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Dig Deep

READ · LUKE 6:39–49

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What is the difference between the two builders, and what happened to each house when the torrent came (6:47–49)?

REFLECT

Jesus asks, "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (6:46). What is one thing He has clearly said that you agree with but are not doing?

REFLECT

"First take the log out of your own eye" (6:42). What log are you stepping around while you point out other men's specks?

RESPOND — TODAY

Choose one command from this chapter and do it today — not just hear it, but act on it.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Jesus chose twelve very different men — a zealot and a tax collector among them (6:15). What differences between us could make our group stronger instead of weaker if we stay under Jesus together?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

“Give, and it will be given to you” (6:38). What would it look like for our group to be generous — with time, money, forgiveness — expecting nothing back?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

A good tree is known by its fruit and the mouth speaks from what fills the heart (6:44–45). What fruit should others be able to see in our lives if Jesus is really our foundation?

MY PRAYER

Father, You were kind to me when I was ungrateful and evil, so teach me to love the one who hurt me by...

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · LUKE 6:35–36

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