



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

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Luke 6:37-42

**“The Sermon on the Plain:
Ethics within the Community of Faith”**

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

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1. This passage details how we are to live within the community of faith as people, changed by the gospel. Why is it important to recognize we are called to obey these commands among other believers?
 - o How does the gospel motivate and empower us as we grow in the areas of mercy, generosity, forgiveness, discernment, and self-assessment?
2. In verse 37, Jesus commands us not to judge or condemn others. How do we cultivate a spirit that is not critical or quick to find fault in others?
 - o What are some non-essential matters of faith where we can struggle to show charity to those with differing opinions?
 - o How does our unity in the gospel allow us to disagree with charity toward one another?
3. What does it look like to show mercy while genuinely caring for one who is walking in wrongdoing? What should loving-concern for a weaker brother or sister look like in the body of Christ?
 - o How does our application of Luke 6:37 differ from a worldly understanding of avoiding judgementalism?
4. Verse 38 commands us to forgive others and be generous. How is God's character reflected when we perform these two actions in the church?
 - o Read Colossians 3:12-13 – What does this passage teach us about forgiveness?
 - o What are some practical steps you can take to grow in generosity?
5. Tony summarized verses 39-40 with a call to be discerning about what teachers we are following and who we are allowing to have influence in our lives. Why is it important to assess our influences and those who shape our thinking?
 - o What are some elements and characteristics we should be looking for as we evaluate those who are teaching, leading, and influencing us?
6. Luke 6:41-42 reminds us how we are tempted to spend more time thinking and talking about another person's sin more than confessing our own shortcomings. Why is it important for biblical confrontation to begin with self-assessment?
 - o What should healthy confrontation amongst believers look like?