



## PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Lesson 3—Luke 6:27-49

### ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

*How is this God's story?*

*How is this my story?*

*How is this others' story?*

*How is this the world's story?*

### PRAYER

Prayer from Dag Hammarskjöld

Great and good God, give us pure hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, hearts of love that we may serve you, hearts of faith that we may live in you, reverent hearts that we may worship you, here and in the world out there, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### WEEKLY PRACTICE

***Praying for our enemies:***

This week, at the end of each day, make a list of "enemies." These are people that throughout the day you have been in conflict with, who have upset you in some way or people who you generally have a hard time being around. Write each of their names down. As you write their name, pray for them. Not so they would be changed according to your wishes, but so you might be changed to love them more deeply in the grace of Jesus Christ. Then, once you have prayed for them, journal your experience using these questions:

How did praying for them change your heart toward them? What still remains?

How did you see them as people for whom Christ has also come so they may share in God's mission?

### BECOMING MY STORY

• *Matthew 5-7*

• *Romans 12:9-21*

• *Romans 14*

• *James 2*

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above Scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story, and the world's story. In the context of Luke 6:27-49, consider the following questions:

*How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Luke 6:27-49?*

*How do these Scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Luke 6:27-49?*

*What is God saying to you through these passages?*

Consider other passages that you might know related to Luke 6:27-49 and read them this week, journaling as you go.