



How Did Jesus Do Outreach? 3. Upside Down Teaching: Luke 6:17-42



Overview

This week we continue our series, *'How Did Jesus Do Outreach?'* as we look at how radically different the teachings of Jesus were to the status quo.



Getting to Know You

On Sunday Steve told the story of him chasing after a burglar, feeling rather heroic at the time for getting his stuff back, but in hindsight wondering how he could have acted differently.

- Have you ever been in a situation, where you initially felt justified in a specific action, but on reflection felt you could have handled it differently?



Digging Deeper

Read Luke 6:17-42.

1. v17 explained that there was a massive crowd around Jesus. Jews and Gentiles alike were drawn to Him all the way from Sidon to Jerusalem, which is about 200km apart.
 - a. What do you think were some of the reasons why people would have travelled large distances to be around Jesus?
2. v20-26 – here we read about four blessings and four sorrows. These words don't mean that only the sad will be blessed, or all wealthy people are doomed. Rather, it poses a question: 'Do you need Jesus in your life or are you 'self-sufficient'?'
 - a. In what areas of your life do you acknowledge your need for a saviour?
 - b. In what areas of your life do have an attitude of 'self-sufficiency'?
3. v27-42 – these words of Jesus are radically opposed to our human nature with its need for revenge, self-righteousness, and our own sense of justice.
 - a. Which of these thoughts of Jesus do you find most challenging?
4. Francis of Assissi never said "Preach the gospel at all times and if need be, use words."
 - a. Why do you think this is such a popular quote?
 - b. How do words and actions together play a role in our outreach?



Taking it Home

- Steve said "Jesus WAS the things He preached." What a powerful statement. To what extend would this be true about you? How would it affect our outreach if that were true about us? How could Luke 6 transform the way we do outreach? Is there someone you know to whom you can reach out this week in a way you haven't before?
- What are the things in your life that make it possible for you to reach out to a certain group of people? How can you use those situation to share Jesus with others?



Prayer

Ask God to help us reach out to people as He did.