

“He said it.”

From the series on the Gospel of Luke entitled “the red letters”
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In a large group...

1. Is it hard for you to receive gifts? Why or why not?

In small groups (4-6)...

Observation

2. Read Luke 6:27-36. What does Jesus require in this passage?

Interpretation

3. Why does he require it?

Application

4. Why do we need to be free from the desire to be spoken-well-of? How does that affect us? What does that have to do with love?
5. How do we obey this incredible requirement of life in the Kingdom of God?
6. How does the cross change us?

Prayer: Pray Ephesians 3:14-19 for the person on your left.

The teaching of the Sermon on the Mount produces despair in the natural man—the very thing Jesus meant it to do. As long as we have a self-righteous, conceited notion that we can carry out Our Lord’s teaching, God will allow us to go on until we break our ignorance over some obstacle, then we are willing to come to Him as paupers and receive from Him. ‘Blessed are the paupers in spirit,’ that is the first principle in the Kingdom of God. The bedrock in Jesus Christ’s kingdom is poverty, not possession; not decisions for Jesus Christ, but a sense of absolute futility—I cannot begin to do it. Then Jesus says—Blessed are you. That is the entrance, and it does take us a long while to believe we are poor! – Oswald Chambers