

Oaklands Chapel – Assignment

*Lesson 19 "Love and Mercy"
Luke 6 27-36*

April 5 2009

1. Read the passage (27-36). Jesus is continuing to teach the values of the Kingdom of God. How are the values espoused here different from the commonly held values in our society today?
2. William Henriksen suggests: "*Jesus did not say, 'Like your enemies', but 'Love' them. One loves a person when he tries earnestly to promote that person's welfare.*" Discuss the implications of this statement. Do you agree with it? How would you express it differently?
3. What do you think the first half of verse 30 means? Can we take this literally? Should we apply this in the context of homeless people who ask for spare change on the street corners?
4. What is over-riding principle Jesus is teaching in verses 32-36?
5. How would you define 'mercy'?
6. Talk about several contexts where you can apply the values which Jesus is teaching here – i.e. do you only do things with people of equal status in society? Do you have some conflicted relationships that need attention?