

SESSION SIX: How should we treat those who dislike us? *Luke 6 v 27-36*
Full Route

1. The first human enemies of Jesus and his followers were the Pharisees and teachers of the law (5 v 21, 30; 6 v 7, 11). These were some of the Jewish religious leaders. They were meant to be looking forward to God's Christ coming; but when he did arrive, they didn't want to listen to him so they opposed him.
3. We're to love, help and pray for people who mistreat us.
4. If someone is nasty to us, instead of being nasty back we should carry on being kind, even if they are nasty again. If someone takes, takes, takes from us, we should still be generous towards them. It's worth thinking about practical ways to do these things (this may involve our time as well as our possessions).
5. We'd love them to treat us with love, help us, and pray for us – so that's the way Jesus wants us to treat them!
6. Jesus wants his followers not only to do good to those who are good to them (virtually everyone does that!), but to do good to those who don't do good to them.
7. Think about things like time and acts of kindness as well as possessions and money.
8. The "reward" seems to be that we'll be "sons (or daughters) of the Most High". Anyone who follows Jesus and seeks to live as he asks will, amazingly, be adopted by God as his children. That's some reward!