GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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LUKE SEASON 3
Upside-Down Way 2
Luke 6:27-38
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NOTES	GROUP DISCUSSION 1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min) 2. Share your story Describe a time when you experienced mercy. (7-10 min) 3. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min) 4. Read Luke 6:27-38.
	Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6:35-36)
	Back to your <i>Share Your Story</i> answer: How did receiving mercy impact your relationship with the person who was merciful to you? Would that person have a reason to consider you an enemy? Explain.
	How can genuine forgiveness (not necessarily trust) demonstrate itself through kindness?
	Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and it will be given to you. They will ^[i] pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return. (Luke 6:37-38)
	True or False: According to Jesus, showing mercy to my enemies means mercy for me. Explain.
	What level of mercy (from God) can you reasonably expect based on the level of mercy you have shown to others?

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

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PLAN OF ACTION

"When we go against the grain of every intuition that we have as fallen humans, and choose compassion and benevolence, Jesus says you are never more like God than you are in that moment." *Pastor Matt*

Who's the first person who comes to mind when you read that statement? How could you show kindness to that person the next time you encounter him or her?