

**Catechism Lesson for Adults and Teens**  
**2nd Sunday of Luke**

**Love For Enemies**

**Read the Gospel Passage.** Luke 6:31-36

**Contextual Background:**

-The first line of this Gospel “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them” is also called The Golden Rule

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What are the four words for “love” in Greek and what do each mean?  
(MULTIPLE ANSWERS)
  - a. Agape, Filia, Eros, Stourgia
2. Each Greek word for love describes a type of relationship. What does each describe? (MULTIPLE ANSWERS)
  - a. Stourgia—a love within your family
  - b. Eros—a love between a couple, a man and a woman
  - c. Filia—a love one has for a best/close friend
  - d. Agape—love that we are called to give to Christ, to our neighbor, to everyone
3. Who do you find it “easy” to love? Friends? Family? Why is it easier to show love for these? (DISCUSSION)
4. Who do you find it hard to love in terms of “agape”? (DISCUSSION)
5. Jesus said to “love your enemies”. What might be some practical ways we can love those we have a hard time dealing with? (DISCUSSION)
6. What times have you ever felt “in debt” to someone else, either for money or for something done for you? What has been the impact or feeling of these times of feeling in debt? (DISCUSSION)
7. Who has ever given to you freely and never expected anything back in return? What was the impact of this? (DISCUSSION)

8. What times have you given freely to someone else and expected nothing back in return? How did this impact your relationship? (DISCUSSION)
9. Jesus mentions how God the Father has been “kind” and “merciful” to “the ungrateful and the selfish”. What ways has God blessed you today? This past week? This past month? (DISCUSSION)
10. We cannot repay God for all He does for us, but in what ways can we show deep gratitude and unselfishness towards God? (DISCUSSION)