

Small Group Questions  
September 19, 2021  
Series: Positively Different  
Message: "Right Response"

This series will examine various aspects of Jesus' ministry that engaged the culture of His day in positively different ways. By positively different, we mean it was not like culture but it was also not a negative engagement that simply produced anger and distance but, rather, influence and impact. The application within the series will seek to demonstrate how the culture of this day needs a positive voice that does not cave to culture nor become hostile to it. Many are concerned about the direction of our culture. Beyond concern, an important question looms: How can we make a difference in a day like this? Jesus shows us the way and will serve as our Guide to navigating life in some challenging days.

The main goal of this series is to produce the characteristics in followers of Jesus that speak and live with a positive voice, pointing to God's grace and a relationship with Him as the greatest need.

Thanks again for your time and effort in shepherding the lives of others!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. Who were the good guys and the bad guys on your favorite Saturday morning cartoons?
2. Would you rather be a movie director or a movie critic? Why?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Luke 6: 27-37.

1. What is your gut-level response to :27? What would it look like to do what Jesus commands in the verse?
2. Do you find :28 easier to do or harder to do than :27? Why?
3. Do you think Jesus is being literal in :29 or is He giving a principal of responding in surprisingly different ways than expected? Why?
4. In :32-35, what do you make of Jesus' challenge that everybody responds in good ways to those they love while He calls His followers to do more than what's "normal?" (see :35 for the better way to respond)
5. At the end of :35, Jesus talks about God's kindness to the "ungrateful and wicked." Who is Jesus referencing there: evil people or everybody, including us?
6. Can you think of someone in your life or previously that you define as "kind?" What type of influence did that person make in your life? Some equate "kind" to "weak." What do you think?
7. Can you think of one difficult person to whom you can practice what Jesus commands? Without mentioning names, why is that person difficult and what can you do to respond well this week?