



Breaking Open the Word

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 81

Gospel Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Spiritual Reflections:

I believe there is a difference in assessing a situation and judging others. If I see people, I don't know coming towards me I am going to be more afraid than if they were people I know. What I try not to do is make a judgement about the quality of person they are. I give them a chance to be themselves and try not to put them into a box or stereotype.

Spiritual Questions

1. How do you try to love your enemies?
2. What do you think of when you see someone who is different than you?
3. How do you deal with others finically?
4. How do you forgive others?
5. What other forms of service do you do?