LUKE 6; August 23: Jesus Teaches About the Golden Rule

ANALYSIS:

1. What is a great Old Testament example of a man knowing God values mercy over law?
2. What did self-righteous men do when Jesus valued mercy over Jewish tradition?
3. What did men do to false prophets that we should avoid for ourselves?
4. How does this chapter teach you to be a child of your Father in heaven?
5. What is better than going around and saying that Jesus is Lord?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

What goes around, comes around. God and men will do to you what you do to others. This leads to the golden rule. You should treat others as you wish to be treated (v. 31). If you do not judge others unnecessarily, God will not judge you (v. 37). If you do not condemn others, God will not condemn you (v. 37). If you forgive others, God will forgive you (v. 37). If you are generous, God will be so generous to you that it is beautiful to read the description (v. 38). You can never out give the Lord in money or anything else.

For the second chapter in a row, Jesus went away in order to pray in private (5:16; 6:12). On this occasion, He continued all night in prayer to God! When was the last time you did that? How important is prayer to you? If you are a true Christian, you will follow His example and make prayer a very important part of your life. If you have not gone apart for prayer yet today, do it now.

HELP:

- 1. David's choice to eat the shewbread when he was hungry, which was strictly for the priests (v. 3-4).
- 2. They were filled with madness and conspired as to how they could kill Jesus (v. 11).
- 3. They spoke well of them. They were popular. We should avoid praise or popularity (v. 26).
- 4. By loving your enemies, doing good to them, and lending to them without expecting a return (v. 35).
- 5. Obey the things that Jesus our Lord tells us to do (v. 46).