



Sunday 1st October—TBA

Luke 6:36-42 Disciples Becoming Like Their Master

A reminder of yesterday's BD message Luke 6:27-36

When it comes to action movies, those with *payback* and *vengeance* usually score pretty well at the box office because it taps into a base human instinct we have to see justice done. And we like to be the ones to dish the justice out! This is why the way of Jesus is such a foreign concept. And the way of Jesus calls us to love others, even our enemies, with an extraordinary love. And it's a love the world does not understand.

To love others as Jesus loves means we use everything God has blessed us with to bless others. If we keep all worldly/physical blessings for our own satisfaction, blessings quickly become woes!

So what do we do with what we have?

1. We love those who oppose us. When Christians are persecuted for their faith in Jesus, we do not retaliate, we do good.
2. We love and serve lavishly, way beyond what is deserved. We stand out against the world by the way we give to others.
3. We are merciful—this is the divine standard of God. We lend to others and expect nothing in return.

God has blessed us enormously. And if we live like every other sinner (counting our blessings, banking our blessings, self-directing our blessings to reward ourselves) blessings soon become woes. BUT if we love others with kindness and mercy, if we give to those in genuine need, if we do good and give generously, expecting nothing in return..... Jesus tells us our reward in heaven will be great!

And we do these things knowing full well that this sort of love is going to cost us, make us vulnerable, even subject us to repeated abuse! But if we love like God loves, then blessed we are indeed. GREAT is the grace, reward and favour of God because He delights in those who follow after His ways.

Let's pray:

Heavenly Father, we are so thankful You are merciful. That you are kind to the ungrateful and kind to the evil because that was us! It was while we were evil that You sent Your Son to die on the cross. It is by Your grace and mercy that it is even possible to enter the kingdom of heaven. And so our hearts overflow with thanks. Help us to be as loving, gracious and merciful as You. Remove from us the pride we hold onto. The pride that neglects the plight of our fellow man—that pride that says 'you don't deserve it, you can't be trusted, you hurt me'. Lord, give us hearts of love for those who don't deserve it, hearts of service toward those who would never be of service to others, and help us to do good to those who have never been good to others. Transform our wicked hearts Lord and fill us with Your love and mercy. In Jesus name!

Bush Disciples October Roster 2023

Date	Opening Prayer	Kids Story	Bible Reading	Com-munion	Closing Prayer	Supper
01/10	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
15/10	B&R	J&S	AH	B&R	D&R	D&P
29/10	AGM	AGM	AGM	AGM	AGM	AGM



Men's Prayer Meeting 6am "Mywybilla" every Wednesday

KYB—19th September 9:00am Catholic Hall

Men's Bible Study—in recess

24th September—travelling to St. George for BD Church at 10am. All welcome.

1st October - Service TBA

29th October—Worship, Fellowship Lunch and AGM of Bush Disciples Church at Westmar



**Wide, wide as the ocean,
High as the heaven above;
Deep, deep as the deepest sea
Is my Saviour's love.
I, though so unworthy,
Still am a child of His care;
For His Word teaches me
That His love reaches me
Everywhere.**