

Bible Study 8 – Leadership that builds others up – Luke 6:36-45

Imagine you are walking holding a coffee cup filled to the brim. Suddenly, someone bumps into you quite hard, jarring your arm. Coffee splashes over the rim, staining your shirt, the floor, and the person who bumped you. If I were to ask you, "Why did you spill the coffee?" your immediate answer would probably be: "Because that person bumped into me!" But that is actually incorrect. You spilled coffee because coffee was what was inside your cup. If the cup had been filled with pure water, water would have spilled out. The bump didn't create the liquid; it simply revealed what was already hidden inside. When we are jarred by life, what spills out?

The context	Luke wrote a historical biography of the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born as a baby boy. He was brought up in the Jewish religion and was a descendant of king David. Jesus was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness. And then He was rejected in His hometown. He healed many people, drove out demons and taught about the kingdom of God. Jesus called the disciples to follow Him and trained them to takeover His ministry after He was gone.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Luke 6:36-45

Mercy (v.36-37)	
Generosity (v.38)	
Parables (v.39-42)	
Character (v.43-45)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?



3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. The character of a true Christian is given in Galatians 5:22-23. How is this produced (Galatians 5:16, 18, 25)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

If we want God's blessing in our lives, we must go God's way. God's way is to be merciful toward others (don't judge their motives, pardon them, and be generous towards them) and to judge our own sins. Do we have a merciful or a judgmental attitude? Do we blame God or others for our problems? Our influence flows from our character.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points

