

The Golden Rule | Ps Rob Buckingham

Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 6:27-38 and discuss the various practical examples Jesus gives of The Golden Rule. Share ways that you have applied these principles in the past. How can you apply them in situations you're facing right now?
2. The first time The Golden Rule was embraced by any religion was in 1440 BC. The Hebrew Scriptures put it this way: *"Don't oppress a foreigner, for you well know how it feels to be a foreigner, since you were foreigners yourselves in the land of Egypt"* (Exodus 23:9) and *"Love your neighbour as yourself"* (Leviticus 19:18). Discuss these ancient Scriptures and share ways that these can be applied to situations today.
3. The first century Roman philosopher Seneca wrote, *"Treat your inferiors as you would be treated by your superiors."* Discuss this and apply the truth to your workplace or any situation where there is a hierarchy.
4. Taoism teaches, *"To those who are good to me, I am good; to those who are not good to me, I am also good. Thus all get to be good."* The temptation we all face is to be good to those who are good to us and unkind to those who are unkind. Are you facing a situation right now (or have done in the past) where you've faced this temptation? What did you do? What was the outcome?
5. Modern psychology has discovered that when someone does something nice for you, you will have a deep-rooted psychological urge to do something nice in return. Is this your experience? Share examples.
6. Discuss this statement in the light of Luke 6:32-36, *"If your intent is to give so you get something back then your motive is wrong"*
7. In His "Agape" God has given us His undeserved, sacrificial, no-strings-attached, self-giving love. Jesus died for us "while we were yet sinners." How should this truth impact the way we treat those who haven't come to Christ yet?