

## Study 3: Luke 5:33-6:49

### Focus on ... the conflict between Jesus and the Jews (5:33-6:11)

1. What are the three main incidents in 5:33-6:11? What features do all three have in common?
2. How does Jesus' statement in 5:34-35 answer the Jews' accusation in 5:33? What does Jesus' answer teach us about Jesus himself?
3. In 6:1-11, what is Jesus' attitude to the Sabbath? What reason does Jesus give for holding this view of the Sabbath? What does this teach us about who Jesus is claiming to be?
4. In 6:1-11, how do the Pharisees respond to Jesus' behaviour? Why are they so hostile to what he is doing?

### Focus on ... Jesus' teaching to his disciples (6:12-49)

5. In 6:20-26, what will be given to those who are blessed? When do they hunger and weep? Where, according to the passage, will they be blessed?
6. When are those on whom Jesus pronounces 'woes' well-fed and laughing? When – by implication – will the 'rich' suffer their 'woes'?
7. Summarise the truth Jesus is teaching in 6:20-26 in a short phrase. How should this teaching affect your attitude to life in this world?
8. According to 6:32-35, how are Jesus' disciples to behave? If we are to do good to those who cannot or will not repay, whom must we look to for our reward (v35) and when will we receive it? Where are you looking for your reward?
9. In 6:43-45, what, according to Jesus, is the real difference between the two types of people? In 6:46-49, how do the two types of people actually differ? What do these two tests show you about yourself?
10. What are the three or four main points Luke is making in this passage? (When answering this question try to work out the most important things he wants to communicate. Doing this well is an excellent way to get to the heart of the passage.)
12. Which of these main points has most struck you? How will it change the way you think and live?