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part 3:

discussion

1. What are some examples of things we do or say that get a typical or expected response?
Sneeze=bless you, open door=thanks

2. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages His followers to go against the grain—to do things that others might not consider normal. Jesus said to love your enemies. Who do you think were Jesus' enemies? What made them His enemies? Do you think it was easy for Jesus to love them? Why or why not?

3. When Jesus gave The Sermon on the Mount what law of revenge did He talk about that the Jews followed? ("An eye for an eye.") Do you think people still behave this way? Can you give examples?

4. How would most of us respond to someone who has hurt us or is saying bad things about us? What does Jesus say about how we should respond to these people?

5. How would students at your school respond if you began to respond in the unlikely ways that Jesus taught? How would your family react? How could changing those natural responses change the worlds you live in?

6. Think about the responses you've had in the last few weeks: to parents (family), to friends, to enemies, etc... What are some things we can learn about our relationship with Christ by evaluating these responses? Are there areas in our relationship that, if changed, would produce different responses?

What will you do

Challenge your students to read more of Jesus' unlikely responses in Matthew 5-7. Also, e-mail, text or FB the following statement to your students some time this week: I am an unlikely person God uses in unlikely places to respond in unlikely ways.

Changing your mind

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. ----- Proverbs 14:12