

LOVE YOUR ENEMY

Matthew 5:43-48

October 28, 2018

I. Redefine “My _____” – v. 43-44

II. Remember ____ was the enemy. – v. 45

III. Resist the _____ enemy with real love. – v. 43-48

**NO _____ REMAINS WHERE
GOD’S _____ REIGNS.**

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$4,334.00

This Month: \$11,916.00

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What if “enemy” is just a category we use to justify our sinful anger and hatred?

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Matthew 5:43-48. How does Jesus change His listeners’ understanding of enemies in this passage? Who are God’s enemies and how does He respond to them? How does His response impact disciples of Jesus Christ?

According to Scripture, who is our real enemy? What three steps did Jesus give to help us respond correctly to those who seem like our enemies?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Who do you perceive as your enemies (those you can’t or don’t want to love)? What puts them in that category instead of your neighbor category? What is keeping you from loving them?



Have you experienced the saving love of Jesus Christ in your life? Are you known for your love (or Jesus’ love coming out of you)? What are some common areas where you fail to show the Love of Jesus to others around you?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Pastor Micah gave 3 steps from the text to help us grow in love towards others, especially our enemies. Which step are you missing in loving your enemies? What do you need to change to get further down the road on loving others?

4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

Loving my enemies is not a think thing or feel thing – it is a do thing. What broken relationship in your life do you need to start healing through the merciful love of Jesus Christ? What will you start doing this week to show love to that person?

