



The Sermon on the Mount- Week 9

Matthew 5:38-48

- What did the Holy Spirit expose in your heart this week as you reflected on this passage?
- Who was your first enemy? What was he or she like? How did you handle this relationship in your life?
- We all have enemies and are all enemies.
- Does Jesus' solution to your enemies seem weak to you?
- Our response to difficult people should be rooted in how God responds to his enemies. This includes us (Romans 5:10). Does this humble you and give you new perspective on how to treat your enemy?
- Retaliate with strong love and uncommon grace, not revenge. This takes great boldness and courage. Have you ever responded this way and seen the work of God in your life and others?
- Don't allow your enemies to control you. How can you practically love your enemies right now? Will you commit to pray for them?
- Stop allowing comparison to define you and dictate how you love others. Our goal should always be to treat others as God has treated us and others.
- Humility is key in all of this. Knowing that God has loved you even at your worst. Knowing that we all have sinned against God in greater ways than others have sinned against us.
- Will you ask God to give you his heart for others, loving even when others are not lovely? What steps do you need to take this week to love your enemies?
- If you hate, you give your enemy your heart and your mind. Don't give your enemies those two things. Nelson Mandela