

JUNE 27TH 2021

LOVING PEOPLE THAT ARE HARD TO LOVE

Matthew 5:33-48



DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

- Take note of any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text to share with the group. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Talk about a time where it was really hard to love someone, maybe it was someone you didn't get along with or someone you didn't like, or someone who didn't like you. Talk about that experience and how it shaped you.
- What does Jesus mean when he talks about our, yes be yes and our no be no?
- Do Jesus's words in 39-42 suggest that his disciples are to be walked on? Talk about each instance and what it means (eye for an eye, tooth for tooth, giving coat, going two miles)
- What does it truly mean to love our enemies? What should our prayers look like towards them?
- In verse 48 Jesus says we are to be "perfect." The Greek word here suggests that this could be better thought of as "complete." How can we possibly be perfect as God is perfect? Since we can't, what hope do we have?

Memory Verse:

**Matthew
5:43-44**

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"