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Sermon Title: Enemy Love/Enemy Forgiveness

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Scripture: Matthew 6:12, 6:14-15, Matthew 5:43-47, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Questions:

1. How would you define “forgiveness”? [answer: “to give up resentment against or the desire to punish; to stop being angry with; to pardon.”] How would you define “reconcile”? [answer: “to make friendly again”] What is the difference between the two?
2. Read Matthew 6:12, 6:14-15 and Matthew 5:43-47. What is Jesus saying in these verses?
3. What is the Christ-love that Jesus is calling us to? Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. [answer Christ-like love is a love of sacrifice for the sake of others, is a love of action for the benefit of others, and it is a love of forgiveness that let’s go of all past wrongs – that demands nothing in return.]
4. How would you define the word “enemy”? What do you think of Pastor’s Dave’s suggestion that our enemy is anyone who we find it difficult to pray a prayer of blessings over?
5. Is Jesus calling us to live a life of “enemy love” and “enemy forgiveness? If so, what does that mean? What does that not mean?
6. Does anyone want to share about a time when they engaged in “enemy love” and “enemy forgiveness” and how that impacted you?

7. Why “love and forgive” our enemy? (Answer: bc when we live that way, we change the world; we change/save our relationships... our marriages.)

Prayer:

- Invite each person to pray out loud if there is an “enemy” that they need to forgive.
- Pray over one another to develop/continue to have a soften spirit to love the difficult and painful.
- Pray together for God to transform your hearts to be able to extend Christ’s love to everyone and anyone.