



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 5:33-42” on May 31st

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 5:33-42 affect your week?

DISCOVER - MATTHEW 5:43-48

What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.”

What is natural for us isn't always what Jesus teaches! This passage causes us to wrestle with the Lord as we look at these questions Adam offered in his message:

1. JESUS, WHY WOULD WE LOVE OUR ENEMIES WHEN IT FEELS SO UNNATURAL TO OUR BEING?

Jesus' example to us speaks loudly: He died for the ungodly and for those who opposed Him. He bore the wrath that He did not deserve, and as followers, we represent Him! We represent this Jesus who loved us and died for us even when we were sinners, and now He wants us to love and pray for those we don't feel like loving.

- Read Romans 5:6-8 and spend a minute meditating on Paul's words about Jesus. How does this passage encourage you to follow Jesus' example?
- What challenges does your 'natural self' or 'sinful nature' find in living in light of this passage of Scripture?

2. WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE TO 'LOVE OUR ENEMIES?' WHAT IS JESUS CALLING HIS FOLLOWERS TO?

God is our example; ALL people, believers or not, reap the benefits of living in a world blessed by God's grace.

God's example is that there is no prerequisite for others to deserve our love!

- Who are the people in your life that you feel opposed to or who frustrate you? Why?
- How could you apply M. L. King's quote to those people: “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that!”?
- How does embracing this truth change your perspective on living by God's example?
- How could you be praying for difficult people in your life right now?
- Describe the feelings that challenge your willingness and ability to lovingly seek good for those whom you struggle to love.

3. HOW DO WE GET THERE? HOW DO WE GET TO A PLACE THAT FEELS SO UNNATURAL?

Adam used the expression “What fills, spills.” When we are so well-versed in the fundamentals of God's Word, the love of Jesus can't help but transform us and spill out of our lives!

- What is filling your life right now? What is consuming you?
- Take minute to examine your life or even this past week. Describe how you feel about what you discover.
- What do other people see spilling out of your life?
- What does your life show about where you are putting your faith and trust?

RESPOND

What would need to change in your life for you to pour your life fully into Jesus and find the satisfaction of being a Child of the King?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

KEEP READING

Ephesians 2:1-10 where Paul talks about the Grace of God that we receive. John 13:1-17 where Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, which included Peter (denies Jesus 3 times) & Judas (betrays Jesus).