



Enemies, Friends, Neighbors

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1. Susette highlighted how the ultimate test of love is how well we treat others who harm/offend us, especially if they cannot offer us anything in return. After reviewing 1 John 4:7-9, discuss what it means to be “beloved” and how it can help us make sense of what real love is and how to love others well with “real love”.
2. Read John 4: 7-26. What stands out to you about Jesus’ conversation with the woman at the well? Can you identify social or cultural boundaries or norms that were crossed? How does this resonate with your way of being, or loving and how do these kinds of boundary crossings feel uncomfortable or appropriate to you? Who are the “Samaritans” in your life, the people you avoid, judge, or feel tension with- or who do you struggle with being loving or compassionate with/to?
3. How can 2 Corinthians 5:17 encourage you to examine and challenge your current beliefs about love? What is something you can do this week to show an act of kindness to someone you find hard to love? If any, discuss what your reservations or hesitations might be in this practical and perhaps difficult application of love.