



Message Notes

Mini-series 2: You Heard it Here

Week 3: Matthew 5:38-48 (NIV)

Big Idea for this week:

How do I let my _____ influence effectively?

1. Love _____ the second mile every time

2. Love _____ the second mile all the time

2. prays

1. walks

Big idea: love

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. What stuck out to you about Jesus' Message today? What does this passage reveal to us about God? What does this passage reveal to us about people? How do you see the beatitudes affect this section of Jesus' Message on the Mount?

2. Today, we defined an enemy as a person or people who are actively/openly hostile to you, and who have irreconcilable differences with you. Considering that definition, who is your enemy? Why is that? What is the hardest thing about loving people and praying for them? Why do you think that is? What are specific ways you can pray for your enemies?

3. When we choose retaliation what does that say about our belief about God? Today, we said that we find all our honor in Jesus so that we don't need to seek honor from others. So rather than retaliate, we are commanded to seek peace. What's one thing you can do this week to seek peace and not retaliation or vengeance? Who do you need to forgive?

4. Re-read this passage. Looking at these things, which of these do you need to grow in? Who is God calling you to influence? How can you influence them more effectively?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us live for You in our relationships. Remind us that honor comes from You, and You give it freely. Give us courage to love how You loved and give us pure motives as we influence people effectively in Jesus' Name. Amen.

You'll want to come back as we learn from Christ how to thrive when competing kingdoms collide.