

03/24/2024 "Overcoming Your Enemies"

- 1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's message? Why?
- 2. Some of Jesus' teachings are more difficult than others. What are some of the more difficult teachings that you've discussed in Matthew 5?
- 3. Following these difficult teachings leads to blessing. What benefits have following Jesus or attending church had for your life? Or, if you're just checking out Christianity, what do you hope the result will be?
- 4. Read Matthew 5:43-48. How did this past Sunday's message help shed light on this passage?
- 5. What are some practical ways that you can love your enemies?
- 6. How does loving our enemies reflect the character of God?
- 7. What are some practical ways that you've seen love extended to someone's enemies? (Consider Romans 12:17-21)
- 8. This is Holy Week. How can you see Jesus living out this principle in the final week of His life?
- 9. Compare Matthew 5:43-48 with Luke 6:27-36. How does the text in Luke differ from what is recorded in Matthew? How does seeing these two passages together help give a better understanding of the principle of loving our enemies?
- 10. Reflecting back over the series, how would you summarize the main message of Matthew 5?
- 11. If you could identify one or two main things from this series that have stuck with you, what are they and what difference do you hope they will have in your life?