

Love Your Enemies

Matthew 5:43-48

Sermon Discussion Questions

December 11, 2022

1. What resonated with you when you listened to some comments from families of victims of the shooting at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC?
2. In your own words, can you explain to your group the difference between forgiveness with confession and forgiveness without confession?
3. **Read and consider Romans 5:6-11.** What does it mean to you that while you were his enemy, Jesus died for you? How does this affect how you view your enemies?
4. **Read Ephesians 2:14-18.** What was one of God's goals in Jesus' death on the cross? How does this make you think about your attitude towards your enemies if they become Christians?
5. How does the message from last week about meekness inform our ability to love our enemies by praying for them and leaving them to God?
6. What can make loving your enemies challenging? In what ways might it also be freedom? Why do you think it is a sign of maturity in the life of a believer?
7. What is one step you can take to love your enemy today?