

Don't Take It Personal?

Community Group

Matthew 5:43-48 /// Week of March 3

Today's big idea: Enemies are not our enemies.

- Share with the group your biggest pet peeve.
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

- Use Bible Storytelling to tell the story of loving your enemies.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Matthew 5:43-48 in the Bible.
- Before Jesus, what was the common understanding for how to treat your enemies and those who love you?
- How, specifically, did Jesus tell his followers to love their enemies?
- How did the Father show his love for the righteous and the unrighteous?

Heart

- Why is it so hard to love people who are not just annoying but unrighteous and evil?
- Why is it important for us to pray for our enemies?
- Perfection here is not sinlessness but completion and wholeness in Christ. What does that have to do with loving your enemies?

Hands

- How have you loved someone who has hurt you?
- How could you love someone who may consider you to be their enemy?
- How could you walk alongside someone who is struggling to love their enemy?
- Pray for one another and for those who might be hard to love.

Next Week:

Dress for the Occasion. Colossians 3: 12-14