

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 2/28/2021

Matthew 5:43-48 “Loving Our Enemies: Like Father, Like Son”

Series: *The Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Living 101*

I. There’s the _____ approach to love (43).

- A. _____ your neighbor.
- B. _____ your enemy.

II. There’s the _____ approach to love (44-48).

- A. Jesus _____ us to love our enemies (44).
- B. Jesus _____ the example of our Father (45).
- C. Jesus _____ natural love with supernatural love (46-47).
- D. Jesus calls us to be _____ (48).
 - 1. This is not _____.
 - 2. This is a call to _____ God.
 - 3. This is made possible by the _____ of the Father.

Take Inventory: Let’s ask ourselves these questions...

- 1. Am I truly a _____ of God?
- 2. Do I resemble my _____ in the way I treat people?
- 3. Am I allowing the Lord Jesus to _____ me?

Community Group Discussion:

- 1. This morning’s message was entitled, “*Loving Our Enemies: Like Father, Like Son.*” Take time as a group to re-read this section from the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew 5:43-48. What’s your first impression when you hear these words from Jesus?
- 2. What do we learn from verse 43 about how people often view love? What do we learn from verse 43 about how people at times use the Bible?
- 3. What did Jesus say we are supposed to do for our enemies (see verse 44), and why (see verse 45)?
- 4. What does Jesus teach us about love in verses 46-47? What are some practical implications for how we respond to what’s happening in our country at this time?
- 5. Is it really possible to put Jesus’ command in verse 48 into practice? If so, what is required? After discussing, spend some time as a group praying about implications.