

Applying God's Word

This Week's Passage: Matthew 5:43-48

Corresponding Sermon from King's Church: "The Power of Love"

Opening Discussion

1. Read this week's passage together.
2. Share *your* immediate observations from this text. Was there anything shared in Sunday's sermon that stuck out to *you*?
3. In what ways were you able to see *yourself* in the sermon and in the text?

Going Deeper

1. The command to love your neighbor as yourself in Leviticus 19:18 plays a central role in the teaching of Jesus. And this love extends beyond the borders of our own family and friends to include those outside our circles and even our enemies. Who would you identify as your enemies (real or perceived) and how can you love them biblically?
2. How does living this way reveal we are sons and daughters of the Father? Why is that so important?
3. While Jesus knows that we cannot attain sinless perfection in this life, he still calls us to be perfect as God is perfect. In other words, to be wholly and completely devoted to him both inwardly and outwardly. How does this summarize all of what Jesus has called us to in the Sermon on the Mount so far?