



Bottom Line:
"Love colors outside the lines"

Key Scripture:
Matthew 5:43-45

Engage

Hearing the word enemy always reminds me of superheroes. Each superhero has their archenemy and all they want to do is have revenge and stop them. It seems like this isn't just a theme for superhero movies. However, some of us have enemies and are embarrassed to admit it. Jesus tells us to love our enemies, so what does that mean?

1. What do you think of or who do you think of when you hear the word enemy?
2. When Jesus tells us to love our enemy, how do you initially react to those words?

Unpack

Take a moment and read through *Matthew 5:43-45*.

3. What is something that sticks out to you in this passage?
4. An enemy is someone who opposes us and love is defined as a deep affection for someone. What does it mean then to love your enemy?

Apply

Love isn't just something we feel, but it's something we are meant to live out. When Jesus says the words in John 13:35 that our love is what sets us apart as a disciple, He is talking about how we act towards others. Loving people isn't always easy but God gave us the Holy Spirit to help.

5. Is there someone in your life that you need to start loving instead of considering them an enemy?
6. How can this group pray for you and help you in that area?

Take some time to pray and ask God to continually guide and lead you life.