



THE UPSIDE DOWN kingdom

Love Your Enemies - 8/4/19

OVERVIEW

Have you ever wandered into the 'Us & Them' categorical style of living? It is when you see others who are different from you in some way, and you draw a line. Maybe they talk differently than you, live a different lifestyle, or have chosen to raise their kids a different way. Over time the 'thems' in your life become a point of frustration; and if we are not careful, they can become enemies.

Scripture: Matthew 5:43-47 (ESV); Ephesians 5:1 (ESV); Romans 5:6-8,10 (NIV); Luke 6:27-28 (ESV)

APPLICATION

- Share a favorite movie plot that involves two enemies. Why do you like it?
- Think about people who might be enemies of yours. Why are they your enemies?
- Why do you think it's important to love your enemies? Why is it considered "upside down"?
- Jesus says we should love our enemies, so that it shows that we're sons (or daughters) of God. What ways do you think God has loved/loves His enemies? (Romans 5:6-10)
- Jeremy talked about praying for an enemy's practical and tangible needs. What would that look like in your life?
- Jeremy told a story about Mary, whose love of her enemy made "an enemy a neighbor." What is your response to that story? How can we turn enemies into neighbors in our own lives?
- HOMEWORK: With loving your enemies in mind, go this week and pray for opportunities to serve those who hate you, to speak well of those who hate you, and pray for those who offend you, rather than fight back. Thank God for opportunities to reflect His character and be His light.

