



Sermon Discussion Guide - October 19, 2025

Thy Kingdom Come - Matthew 5:43-48

The sermon series “Thy Kingdom Come” explores the fundamental laws of living in the Kingdom of God.

- 1. What are some famous rivalries that you know about? What comes to mind when you hear the word “enemy”?**
- 2. Read Matthew 5:43-48**
 - *What would be most difficult for you to do in this passage? Why?*
- 3. One thing Jesus is teaching here is that your neighbor includes your enemy. Read Luke 10:25-37 and discuss the questions below..**
 - *Why do you think the teacher of the law wanted to justify himself in verse 29? What are some ways we try to justify ourselves in order to only love those people we want to love?*
 - *What are the ways that the Samaritan “loved” the Jewish man? How was mercy (v.37) shown? What would this look like in your life?*
- 4. Matthew 5:45 talks about the common grace of God and how He provides what is necessary for life to all people. Imitating this type of grace is how we show others that we are “sons of our Father who is in heaven” (5:44).**
 - *What are some practical ways that you can show common grace to all people - especially those who oppose you, persecute you and live by a different moral/religious belief than you do*
- 5. Read Matthew 5:48. “Perfect” is being defined in the context of this passage.**
 - *What are the markers for being “perfect” like our heavenly Father in this passage?*
 - *How did we see Jesus live out this type of love during his earthly ministry?*
- 6. Read Romans 5:10.**
 - *What is your response to God showing His love to you while you were an enemy to him?*
- 7. How can your group pray for and support you in light of today’s discussion?**