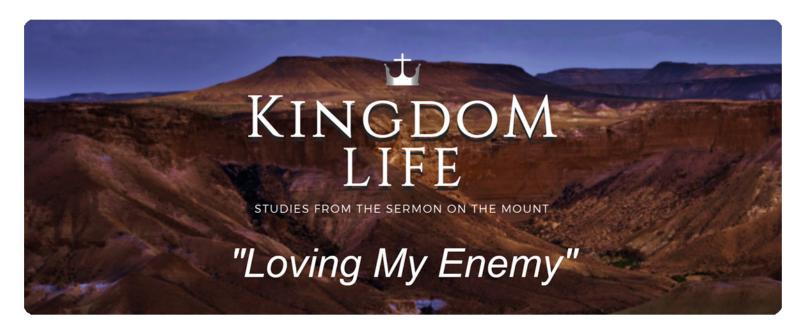


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Conversation starter to begin:

Share a positive or less-than-positive experience you have had with a next-door neighbor.

What were you taught growing up about knowing your neighbors?

Next:

Read **Matthew 5:43-48** aloud. Before you begin, pray and ask God to illuminate you, to show you where he has been at work and present in the previous days, and through others; ask Him to illuminate the Scripture to you. Pause in your prayer, listen, and pursue His leading.

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- 1. Why does Jesus talk about God's common grace to humankind in verse 45? What does this have to do with us showing love?
- 2. What does the phrase mean "that you may be children of your Father in heaven?"
- 3. How does Jesus' command raise the standard here?
- 4. Have you identified your enemy/ies or "those that persecute you"? Have you prayed for them and realized what God can do through such obedience?
- 5. What specific way can you show love to a person or people who does not and will not love you?
- 6. How are these words from Jesus convicting to you today?
- 7. Pray as it flows from your discussion. How might God be inviting your group to respond and make an application?

