

Life Group Lesson Outline

Love Your Neighbor Week 4

Date of sermon given: September 21st, 2025

Icebreaker (10-15 minutes)

Purpose: Encourage fellowship and set a comfortable tone.

Example Questions:

- What is your high and low for the week?
 - In what ways did you see God working in our world this week?
 - What are some things that gave you joy this week?
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Lesson / Discussion (30-40 minutes)

Opening Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:43-48 // 1 Peter 2:11-12 & 3:13-17

Theme = We find ourselves in the last week of our Love Your Neighbor Series. Pastor Sam challenged us that the love of our enemy is the trustiest test of our love. We need to be formed by Christ and his commands more than anything else in 3 ways Moral Clarity, Sound Reason, and Active beauty. May this series lead our church into the constant practice of loving God and loving our neighbor.

Question 1 = what do these passages show us about God?

Question 2 = love for enemies begins with our heart and begins with prayer. Who can you pray for today that are different from you? A prayer for your enemy can be “bless them and change me.” How have we made others our enemy?

Question 3 = We are called as Christians to give sound reasons for why we believe what we believe. What would you answer be if someone asked you why you are a Christian? What stops you from sharing your faith with others?

Question 4 = As we concluded, what are some things that your life group can do together to love your neighbor? Make a plan to try to do one thing before the end of October.

Reflection / Prayer = Take some time to pray that our church would be a place where we love on another as Christ has loved us.

Prayer Requests (10-30 minutes)

- Invite group members to share prayer needs. It would be good for the Leader to start this sharing time.
- Close with prayer, praying for each request. (if they are comfortable, rotate who prays for the group)

• **Leader Notes** [Space for personal notes or reflections]

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