

Community Group Questions

1. In his commentary on Matthew 5, David L. Turner said: "The message of the kingdom dynamically transforms the disciple's conduct." Take some time to discuss the big picture of Matthew 5 and Turner's comments. In particular, note that Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:21-48 touches on *various relationships* and how the kingdom of God impacts those relationships.
2. How does Matthew 5:43-48 relate to Matthew 5:38-42?
3. As you prepare for Good Friday take some time as a group to reflect on Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and death in Matthew 26:47-27:66. How do events surrounding Good Friday influence how we think of and apply Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:38-48?
4. How does Luke 10:25-37 relate to Matthew 5:43-48?
5. Which is easier, to love your enemies (Mt. 5:43-48) or to love your brothers and sisters in Christ (Jn. 13:34-35)? Why are both absolutely vital to our witness for Christ?
6. Who do you find difficult to love? For the Jews it was the Gentiles. In our day who is it difficult to love?