

Jesus on Enemies

Matthew 5:43-48

The issue isn't knowing who to love, but knowing how to love!

1. How God loves (v45)
2. How the world loves (v46-47)
3. Look like Dad (v48)

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? Who did you want to be *like* when you grew up?
2. Pastor Ken defined agape love as “desiring God’s best for someone and applying yourself to bringing that about.” The Apostle Paul devotes an entire chapter to describing it. Read 1 Corinthians 13 and list out what this love does and doesn’t do.
3. The Greek language has four words for love: *storge* (pronounced store-gay), which is family love; *philos* (fill-os), which is friend love; *eros* (air-os), which is erotic, passionate love; and *agape* (a-ga-pay), which is more centered in the will than in the emotions. Why is it agape love we’re told to show, rather than the other kinds? What are some implications of that?
4. Describe a person who is hard for you to love (no names, please). What would it take to show agape love to that person? What practical things could you do to show that love?
5. What are some of the issues that divide people these days? Describe how agape love could be applied to those issues.
6. How are we as a church at indiscriminate love?