

# CONVERSATION GUIDE

## Middle-High School

DATE: 10/11/20

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:43-48

LESSON: On Enemy Love

### INTRO

*This conversation guide exists to help parents interact with their middle and high school students. Our goal in having middle and high school students attend gatherings (or worship at home) with their parents is to help them transition toward being adults who are fully functioning members of the church. But most middle and high school students still need some translation and help connecting what they're learning to their lives. We want our sermons to be accessible, but they aren't specifically targeted toward the transitional teenage years.*

- **Read Matthew 5:43-48.** Do you remember how we defined enemy in the sermon? (“An enemy is a person or group of people who cause you harm, discomfort, and/or who stand against what you value.”)
  - Would you say you have any enemies? Why or why not?
  - Who in your life regularly causes you harm or discomfort?
  - Who in your life stands against what you value and believe?
- Do you remember any of the examples given of Jesus loving His enemies? How was Jesus able to consistently love enemies and people who treated Him so poorly?
- **Reread v. 44** - What is your biggest hesitation when Jesus tells you to pray for your enemies or those who make your life more difficult?
  - Let's take some time to pray for our enemies right now.