

1. This Sunday, you wrote down a name of someone you would consider your enemy. Why do you consider this person your enemy? How long has this been going on? Have you attempted to respond like Jesus says in this weeks passage? If not, why not? If so, what has been the result?

2. Read **Matthew 5:43-48**.

What do you hear Jesus say about your enemies that is difficult or impossible to do on your own? How is this different than the message of the world?

How does loving and praying for your enemies change your heart toward them? Practically, what does it look like to pray for your enemies? What do you pray for, for them? For you?

3. Do fellow Christ followers ever treat each other as enemies? Why does this not make sense, from a Biblical perspective? What does Jesus (and the Bible) have to say about how we treat other believers? Take time to read, carefully, **Colossians 3:12-17** and write down how believers are to practically relate to each other.

If you have an issue with another believer, how do the words of **Matthew 7:3-5 & 18:15-17** help give healthy guidance to resolving conflict?

4. We say that our lives should reflect love for God and love for others. Can Kingdom People love one and not the other? What verses come to mind (or do a quick search) that might give insight into this answer?

5. Take some time to look up what the following verses have to say about why we, as Christ followers, Kingdom People, should be humble toward those who oppose us. These are not suggestions. This is the Word of God, and we should (by His transforming power) obey it and live it out for His glory: **1 Peter 5:5, 1 Corinthians 4:7, 1 Peter 2:23, Romans 9:1-4, Matthew 13:29, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Romans 12:9-21, Psalm 139:23-24; Romans 5:3.**

Which verse(s) speaks to you in your current situation? What will you do as a next step to reflect the heart of God in your spheres of influence today?



CURRENT SERIES



NEW TO NORTHAMPTON

We're glad you're here! Take a moment to fill-out a Connection Card and let us know more about you! If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children's & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: [www.NBchurchCF.org!](http://www.NBchurchCF.org)

MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
SERMON ON THE MOUNT
Jesus & Your Enemies | Matthew 5:43-48

NEXT WEEK:
SERMON ON THE MOUNT
Jesus & Hypocrisy | Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

WORSHIP ORDER

ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY

WELCOME

OCC AWARD PRESENTATION

SAME GOD

IT IS WELL, THROUGH IT ALL

OFFERING, SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

NOTE: IF YOU FEEL LED TO GIVE THIS MORNING, YOU CAN DO SO: (1) THROUGH THE CHURCH CENTER APP, (2) BY TEXTING THE \$\$ AMOUNT TO 84321 OR (3) DROPPING IT IN THE OFFERING BOX IN THE LOBBY!

MESSAGE

COMMUNION

THE BLESSING

SEND-OFF & PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

Sundays
Romans Study
Room 201 | 9:15am

Thursday 7:00pm
Men's Bible Study

Alternative Adult Elective
Overflow Room | 9:30am

Various Times & Days
LIFE Groups
Real-Life Discipleship
Bible Studies

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NEXT STEPS

STARTING POINT LUNCH

Today, after the worship service,
in the Fellowship Hall.

GET CONNECTED

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UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME TO NORTHAMPTON!

We're glad you've decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and download the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

STARTING POINT

Today, after the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall [12:30-2:00PM]. This is for all **new to Northampton** attendees who would like to learn more about who we are, what we do and why we do it!

UPDATED WEBSITE

We have launched our updated website! Now you can sign-up for events, learn more about Northampton, access study tools, past messages and more! It is a continued work in progress, so check back often! www.nbchurchcf.org
If you have an idea for a study tool or other need that we can link to, please let us know at nbchurchcf.org/feedback

STUDENTS GOING TO CAMP

Pray for students and leaders who will be at camp **this week!** Please pray daily for: Stan & Erin Korinek, Teresa Bertoni, Dani Simmons, Lilly Zinzow.

WOMEN'S PAINT NIGHT

Join us for a ladies paint night, **Monday, July 18th at 6:00pm** in the Fellowship hall. The cost is **\$12.00** per person and includes all supplies needed. Super easy, step by step painting!!
Sign up in the back of the auditorium and pay Kelly Pryor **TODAY!**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The July OCC packing party will be right after the worship service on **July 31. Lunch will be provided.** Stay after to pack some shoeboxes and make an eternal impact for the Gospel around the world.

The following items are still needed and can be brought in and put in the box in the lobby: small toys, school supplies, and flip flops.

7 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

Our next 7 days of prayer and fasting will be **August 1-7**. More details will be coming soon. If you'd like to be a part of the planning team, please email Pastor Joe - jpryor@nbchurchcf.org. We will have a planning meeting on Saturday, July 16 at 9:00am.

MESSAGE NOTES

PASTOR JOE PRYOR

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - WK 9

Jesus & Your Enemies | Matthew 5:43-48

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."
Proverbs 4:23

Who you consider your enemy? _____

Kingdom People respond to their enemies by...

_____ them (5:44)

How can you apply this to the person listed above?

_____ for them (5:44)

How can you apply this to the person listed above?

...in doing so, they _____ the heart of God and reveal the _____ to which they belong... (5:45-47)

How would loving and praying for the person listed above affect the relationship?

...and it _____ them to the likeness of God the Father. (5:48)

How would loving and praying for the person listed above affect your relationship with the Lord?