



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR MATTHEW 5:38-48

1. In what way(s) did God speak to you today through His Spirit and His Word?
2. When was a time you were tempted to treat someone the same way they were treating you? How did God help you to respond differently?
3. Why are we tempted to seek revenge when we are wronged rather than seeking the repentance of the one who has done evil toward us?
4. How does the gospel free us to seek the good of even those who do us the greatest harm?
5. How, when intentional evil is directed toward us, can we, in the power of Christ, respond with intentional good?
6. What should we do if there is someone for whom we find it difficult to love and pray?
7. How did Christ pray for those who were crucifying Him? How can He help us to pray for others?
8. How can our demonstrating mercy to those for whom it is not deserved provide an opportunity to discuss the gospel?
9. In what ways are you struggling to demonstrate God's perfect love to others?
10. Why should we never get over God demonstrating His love to us through Christ, even though we were evil enemies? How can we help each other never get over this wonderful truth?