

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on the Mount—Lesson 9—  
Matthew 5:43-48—Mandates and Motivations For Loving Our Enemies

1. (a) As you read Matthew 5:43-48 note all the ways we are to show love to our enemies. (b) Are these the ways *you* show love to *your* enemies? (c) What do *you* think Matthew 5:48 means?
2. Memorize Matthew 5:48.
3. (a) Jesus mentioned in Matthew 5:13 and 14 that we should be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Read over Matthew chapter 5 and list all the ways a believer's life should reflect those two things. (b) Does your life reflect these things? (c) What has been the most difficult lesson for you in this chapter and why? (d) Have you made any changes since we started this study?
4. (a) What should be our attitude towards those who are our enemies according to 2 Samuel 16:5-14; Proverbs 24:17, 18; Proverbs 24:28, 29; Luke 6:27-36; Romans 12:17-21; 1 Peter 3:8-12. (b) In what ways do you find these attitudes difficult?
5. How do you reconcile Matthew 5:43-49 with Psalm 139:19-22?
6. (a) How often do you pray for your enemies? (b) How would you use these final words of Jesus in Matthew 5 to help either yourself or someone else who has trouble loving others, especially those that are enemies? (c) How do we practically live out these words?
7. Do you have any enemies? Do you have trouble loving others? Please write your need in a prayer request to share with your group.

