

MESSAGE NOTES

“Practice Makes Permanent”

Pastor Matt Mylin — August 8, 2021

Matthew 5:43-48

1. Let your enemies bring out the best in you.

2. Let your conduct reflect your heavenly father.

James 1:4 (AMP)

3. Let your mindset be like a wise builder.

Matthew 7:24-27

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Connect:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Consider:

We can show others what God is like by practicing what Jesus taught.

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Read Matthew 5:43-48. What if Jesus was serious? How would the world's perspective of the church (or of God) change if we walked out what Jesus taught?
- ▶ What is a recurring reaction you have where you would like to practice a kingdom response?
- ▶ Pastor Matt shared, “Jesus’ teaching comforted the provoked and provoked the comfortable.” Where in our society do we need comfort? Where may we need to be provoked?
- ▶ Read Matthew 7:12. How do you want to be treated?

Commit:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Who is in your life right now that can actually bring out the best in you?

Read James 1:22-25.

Ask God for a way to practice reflecting who he is as you interact with that person. (This week keep your answer to yourself.)

Care:

Pray silently for the person/people you want to show the kingdom to and for follow-through to practice.