



1. Love one another.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

2. Love your enemies.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Matthew 5:43-44

3. Our struggle is not against flesh and blood.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

4. Bringing God’s Kingdom to earth.

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10

Action Steps:

- Pray
- Give
- Do

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” Matthew 6:9-13

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

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

Review:

There are 2.5 billion Christ-followers in the world. If each one lived a life of loving like Jesus, think about the kind of impact that would have on bringing the kingdom of heaven to earth.

Open Up:

Have you traveled outside of the US? How many countries have you been to? What’s the most interesting thing you have eaten?

Discuss:

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

- ▶ What point or story did a Global Partner make that shifted your perspective?
- ▶ Jesus instructed us to love our enemies. Enemies is a strong word that we might think doesn’t apply to us. How would you describe an enemy?
- ▶ What makes the Good News, good news?
- ▶ Think about a time when you experienced undeserved grace or extravagant love. Describe how this impacted you.
- ▶ In Pastor Chris’s message he said, “The hope of our kingdom not being of this world is not foremost focused on our future escape from the world, but our present hope that we can change the world. Our citizenship is in heaven, but our mission is on earth.” How does this impact your everyday life?

Engage:

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

Ask the Lord to bring to mind someone that might be your “enemy.” What would it look like to love them this week?

Chris shared 3 action steps we can all take: Pray, Give, Do. Which of these is a step you can take this week and what would that look like?

Pray:

Ask God to show you how you can bring the kingdom of heaven to earth in your workplace, family, and other places you go.