

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 7-4-2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review

Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Have you ever experienced someone who was a mean and nasty individual? What emotions welled up inside of you?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Psalm 58 - A Song for Cursing

Digging Deeper: Read through Luke 6:27-36 as a group

1. After reading this passage, what are the real and honest emotions you are feeling about what Jesus said(27-31)?
2. Why is it so hard to love your enemies? What does it require of you?
3. Why would Jesus command us to respond in such an unnatural way?
4. Are you aware of enemies in your life? In your family-in your work-in your church? Do you have any response/struggle to Jesus' words to love them?
5. Does gaining any reward from loving your enemies give you motivation to love them? Vs35

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?