

# Radically Loving Our Neighbor and Our Enemy (Part II)

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." Luke 6:27-28

#### INTRODUCTION

"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, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. . . ."

Matthew 5:43-45a

## I. WHO IS OUR **NEIGHBOR**?

### II. WHO IS OUR ENEMY?

Let's see how Jesus lives this out in John 4 (The woman at the well)

A. How did Jesus respond to His enemy?

". . . and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." John 4:42b B. What is your Samaria? Who is your Samaritan?

# III. WHAT <u>PREVENTS</u> US FROM <u>RADICALLY LOVING</u> OUR NEIGHBORS OR ENEMIES?

A. Fear

B. Objectifying or labeling them

What is Jesus calling us to do?

Luke 6:27-36

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Romans 5:10

#### **IV. OUR RESPONSE**

Take the next few minutes to consider . . .

Who in your life has wronged or betrayed you, is someone you have not forgiven or is a threat to your political views, etc.?

What would it look like for you to love them? To bless them instead of cursing them? To commit to praying for them daily for 30 days?

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