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Graduate-Level Love

Matthew 5:38-48

Who are my enemies?

How should I respond to my enemies?

With _____

With _____

Why should I respond in this way?

In loving my enemies,
I reflect God's heart

In loving my enemies, I
experience God's blessing:

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⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Next steps:

▪ Visit <http://parkerhill.wordpress.com> – where you will find follow-up questions for you and your small group

▪ Read the following passages slowly, thoughtfully and prayerfully:

- Monday: *Romans 12:9-21*
- Tuesday: *1 Corinthians 13*
- Wednesday: *Luke 23:32-43*
- Thursday: *1 Samuel 24:1-22*
- Friday: *Psalms 25*