

Small Group Questions

Matthew 5:43-48

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- 1) Starter Question: Tell a story of someone who loved well. What can you learn from their example?
- 2) What stood out to you the most about the life and ministry of Tauchi Chizuko?
- 3) How does Tauchi Chizuko's testimony challenge the values and aspirations of our world today?
- 4) Read Matthew 5:43-48 together. Discuss any questions or observations you have about the text.
- 5) Summarize, in a simple statement, Jesus's teaching from the text.
- 6) How does Matthew 5:43-48 challenge the world we live in today? How does our culture expect enemies to be treated?
- 7) What are some ways Christians can faithfully live out Matthew 5:43-48? What about verse 48?
- 8) Who does the broader culture assume are the enemies of the church today? Who actually persecutes us?
- 9) Who do you struggle with loving like Christ loves you? Are there groups (ethnic, political, social, generational, etc.) of people that would be considered your enemies if you were honest?
- 10) What is a 'next step' application for you and the Gospel challenge of loving your enemies well?

Further study this week: Romans 5:1-11 (Mon); Jesus' Example: Matthew 26:1-29 (Tues); Matthew 26:30-56 (Wed); Matthew 26: 57 – Matthew 27:10 (Thurs); Matthew 27:11-66 (Fri).