



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | There is NO loophole out of LOVE.

Matthew 5:43-48 (NLT)

⁴³ "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! ⁴⁵ In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. ⁴⁶ If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. ⁴⁷ If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. ⁴⁸ But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

"The Master expects from His disciples such conduct as can be explained only in terms of the supernatural." - J. Oswald Sanders

Matthew 7:12 (NLT)

¹² "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets."

Luke 10:25-37 (NLT)

²⁵ One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

²⁷ The man answered, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

²⁹ The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

³¹ “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

³³ “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

³⁶ “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

³⁷ The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

What we have we have been given.

What we give will be rewarded.

Luke 6:38 (NLT)

³⁸ "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

John 4:36 (NLT)

³⁶ The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!

GROUPS QUESTIONS

- 1. What stood out to you most about this week’s sermon?**
- 2. Read Matthew 5:43-48. Who are some of the people you find it most difficult to love? Why do you think it is so difficult to care for them and show them love?**
- 3. Read Matthew 7:12. Why can it be hard to treat others the way we want to be treated? How can we be better at living out this concept on a daily basis?**

- 4. Read Luke 10:30-37. Why does God give us opportunities to participate in what He is doing?**
- 5. Who is it that God is asking you to love supernaturally?**
- 6. Where is it that God is asking you to step out in your faith journey and use your time, talent, treasure, or testimony for God's kingdom?**