

When Others Want To Take You Out

Getting to Know You:

What is your least favorite type of conflict to have with others?

Going Deeper:

Read Matthew 5:43-48 together.

- How is Jesus' kind of love countercultural? What do we value in our society and culture today that is different from the love Jesus commands us to show?
- Consider verse 48 again – can we ever be perfect in this life? What is Jesus calling his followers to, and why did he choose perfection as our standard?

Read Matthew 5:3-10 together.

- Where do you see these traits in our culture and society, if at all?
- How are the followers of Jesus “blessed” by these traits? Is this blessing esteemed in our culture, or something people ignore or despise?
- What are some practical ways you have seen others put these traits into practice in their daily lives? How might we do the same here in Timmins?

Read Romans 5:6-11 together.

- According to this passage, what do we actually deserve? And what did we actually receive?
- How should this description of the Gospel inform how we

reach out to and show our love to others, even if they are our enemies?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

- According to this passage, what is the heavenly perspective that belongs to each believer? How should this perspective change how we think and live?

Taking it Home:

Are you in conflict with, or being wrongfully treated by another person? Ask God how you might bless them this week.