



Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!

Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.

Message Info: , #frenemies 6/13/2021- This message talks about what is referred to as the hardest ethic from Christ - How to respond to those who hurt you and loving others even your enemies. This is so hard because wrongs hurt and deep inside us there is a call for justice, for life to be fair. Sometimes this translates into the desire to hurt the person back. The law of retribution is flawed and will sink you. Jesus shows us a better way that elevates you and elevates your relationships.

(Passages: Matthew 5:38-48, Romans 12:9-21)

Discussion Questions: Take your time and dig into these questions.

Every try to get back at someone who hurt you? What happened?

Read Matthew 5:38-48. What sticks out to you about this challenging passage? Why did that stick out to you?

What do you think the hardest part of responding to our enemies or frenemies the way Jesus teaches is? Why do you think that is the hardest part?

Really this passage is about the law of love over the misapplied law of retribution. How can seeking pay back sink or trap you? How can the law of love elevate you and your relationships?

Read Romans 12:9-21 What sticks out to you in this passage? Do you find any of it encouraging?

What do you need to do to start to elevate your relationships and return love when you are hurt?

Anything you could use prayer for this week in your relationships?

Group Challenge: Write down a personal prayer requests from each group member. Commit to praying for each other every day until the next group time.