

Series: Too Messy – “Love Your Enemy”  
Sermon: “You have heard it said, love your friends...”  
March 6, 2016

1. What issues and injustices fire you up?
2. The sermon asked you to create a list with 2 columns. The first column has the heading "those I despise" and the second column has the heading "those who despise me."
  - A. How many people are in each column on your list?
  - B. If you have people in the first column, don't tell the name, but share how this person became an enemy?
3. Read Matthew 5:43-48.
  - A. Why would Jesus tell us to love our neighbor?
  - B. What do you learn from reading these verses?
4. What does it practically mean to love people indiscriminately?
5. The type of love God has for us is referred to as agape love. Agape love is a selfless "action" kind of love. How difficult is it for you have agape love for family, friends and enemies?
6. What do you think would happen if you started praying for someone you consider an enemy?
7. What agape actions would people see in you if you tried to love an enemy that made your list?
8. In this series, we have discussed loving yourself, loving your neighbor (widow, orphan, poor and immigrant) and loving your enemies. Which have you found most difficult?