

BIG IDEA

If we won't trust Jesus as a practical teacher, we can't trust Him as a spiritual savior.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Have you ever had an experience where God changed your heart toward someone that you used to see as an enemy? What did you learn?

Read Acts 9:1-31. What evidence of enemy-love can you find in this story? Who are the peacemakers? Who do you identify with most in this account?

Why does God want us to love our enemies? Why can't we just stay away from our enemies?

Read Matthew 5:43-45 and 1 John 3:23-24. What similarities do you see in these two passages? How are these passages related to this week's big idea?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Respond to the following quote from this weekend's message:

You can decide to treat people as your enemy, but Jesus won't do it with you.

Read 2 Peter 3:8-9. Is there anyone that you wouldn't want to see in heaven? Why is your heart toward this person different than God's heart toward them?

Is there anyone that would consider you an enemy because of something you believe? How is Jesus calling you to respond?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Listen quietly as your Life Group Leader (or a volunteer) reads **John 14:1-21** aloud a few times. Journal your answers to the following questions as you listen to the word of God:

What parts of the passage catch your attention? What words, phrases, or images do you hear as though for the first time?

Why do you feel drawn to these phrases or images?

What does God want you to know? What does God want you to do?

