



## Discussion Guide for “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself” [w]hole Week 5

Loving those who are different from us is difficult. But Jesus tells us loving even our enemies is the path to a flourishing life. How can we learn to love those we see as enemies - especially when they are not across the world, but next door to us?

### Scriptures for Further Reading

[Mark 12:28-31](#)

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

[Romans 5:10](#)

[Matthew 5:43-48](#)

### Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, [here is a simple step-by-step guide](#). This week’s passage is [Romans 5:1-21](#).

### Questions for Discussion

1. Who are some “enemies” you have close to home? How are they enemies?
2. Why would it be surprising to Jesus’ listeners that the Samaritan was the hero of the story? How do you think it felt to be told to be like a Samaritan?
3. Read Romans 5:10. What does it mean that God made peace with us while we were his enemies? How is this challenging for us?
4. Read Matthew 5:43-48. Why is love of our enemies essential to a whole life?
5. What do you need to do to love your enemies this week?