

RIDICULOUS #4
“Ridiculous love for Enemies”
Matthew 5:43-48/October 12, 2014

- **“Your enemies...” – Enemies defined**
- **“You have heard...” – Christ following love defined (Leviticus 19:18/I John 4:20)**
- **“so that you may be...” – WHY**
 - **God does**
 - **Be sons (and daughters – I John 4:7)**
 - **Be perfect (I John 4:15-17)**
- **“I say to you...” – HOW**
 - **pray for them (Luke 23:24)**
 - **do good for them (Luke 6:35/Proverbs 25:21)**
 - **love better than the world**

Decision Box

Today I learned...

As a result, I will...

Prayer for Eastview Christian Church

- Pray for the pastors of CICM in India who are threatened by the enemies of Christianity in their country. Pray for their boldness and for grace to love those who hate them.
- Pray for God to make Eastview a congregation that hates no one. Ask Him to dissolve any prejudice you may have to any group of people. Ask God to develop a heart of mercy in you for those who have hurt you.
- Pray for ridiculous acts of love to be received well as we reach out to those in our community through our ridiculous love study.
- Pray for God to give us strength to see past any earthly enemy and to our spiritual enemy Satan. Ask God for strength to stand against Satan by faith.
- Pray for God to bring peace through the cross of Christ with anyone in McLean County who considers Christians their enemies. Pray: "Lord, may our love be our witness."