

SERMON NOTES

May 24, 2026

Gospel Made Love of Enemies

Romans 12:14, 17-21: Trent Thompson

Main Point: The gospel creates a church that loves its enemies

5 truths, attitudes or actions that help us do that...

- **Help them get to heaven.**
- **Remember who you're fighting.**
- **Your actions will have a ripple effect.**
- **Make peace when possible.**
- **Trust that God is just.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD (For LifeGroups)

LifeGroups are a place to commit to Christ-Centered relationships and grow in our faith together. Learn more at westshorefree.org/lifegroups.

LifeGroup Discussion Questions:

1. Can you recall a time when you loved an enemy? How did it go?
2. Read Romans 12:14-21 and Luke 6:27-36. What stands out to you as most unusual or challenging from these verses?
3. What is the difference between an enemy and someone who just doesn't like you or is a competitor vocationally? Why does knowing the difference matter?
4. Why is a persecution complex dangerous for Christians?
5. What have you found to be the most helpful truth to remember to love your enemies?
6. Are you facing any enemies right now? If so, how is God calling you to love them?

B.L.E.S.S. Question of the Week:

Have you had the experience of getting to know someone who doesn't believe in Jesus but who you find lives more morally than most Christians you know? If so, how have you made sense of this?

Memory Verse:

"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them."

- Romans 12:14

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