



"LET 'EM HURT YOU!" 11/26/23

DRASTIC! 11/26/23 We Need to be Drastic in Loving Our Enemies!

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so <u>please</u> <u>discuss</u> these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- We're going to open by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you as we wrap up the current Point series and the fall cycle of Pr'me?

The Reminder (required) <u>**Read**</u> this section briefly to review the Point <u>for everyone</u>

•This Week's Point: We Need to Be Drastic in Loving Our Enemies!

•This Week's Object Lesson:

Captain America: "I can do this all day."

•This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: Matthew 5:38-48 Here's what I propose: 'Don't hit back at all.' If someone strikes you, stand there and take it. (v. 39, MSG)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- •Since we're only meeting for two weeks this month, we're going to combine the last two weeks of the *Drastic!* series into one discussion:
- •Have you ever lost or had something fly out behind you while you were driving/biking/boating/etc.?
- •What is something that you don't enjoy, but you keep doing?

Week 3: We Need to Be Drastic in Our Example to Others! •Read Matthew 18:1-7

- •Jesus uses a "little child" to represent those that we may perceive as "lesser". What 3 instructions does He give here about a "little child"?
- •What examples *today* are why Jesus makes the drastic statement in v.6?
- •Sean shared 4 areas to consider related to our example:
 - How is Your Example to Those Who Need Jesus?(Col. 4:5-6)
 - How is Your Example to Those Who Are New to Jesus?(Rom 14:13-15)
 - How is Your Example to Those Who Are Nearer to Jesus?(1Tim 4:12)
 - How is Your Example in What You Know About Jesus?(1 Tim. 4:16)

• <u>Discuss</u> what's easy & hard about each (read verses if necessary).

Which of these do <u>you</u> need to work on in your example to others?
What is <u>one</u> thing that you plan to do about it?

Week 4: We Need to Be Drastic in Loving Our Enemies! •Read Matthew 5:38-48

- •Share the various things that are drastic in this passage and why.
- •Why is loving our enemies difficult for people?
- •Why is loving our enemies difficult for you?
- •Have everyone open YouVersion to Colossians 1:21-23 in the NLT.
- •Have someone slowly read v. 21 then discuss: What made us enemies of God? [sin] What can we do to fix it? [nothing!]
- •Have someone else slowly read **v. 22** then discuss: What did <u>God do</u> <u>for us</u>—His enemies—to fix the broken relationship? [came & died for us] How does this affect your perspective on loving your enemies?