

We're glad you are ONSITE & ONLINE with Hope Today!

First Time with us?

Please visit our website; hope4wichita.org
to learn a little bit more about Hope!

GIVING OPTIONS: if you feel led to share a financial gift, we invite you to utilize the online Giving Options on our website or mail a check to our mailing address (located on the website).

Thank You.

Communion: If you have said YES to Jesus—you are invited to share in Communion. We will share in this moment together at the end of our message this morning. OnLine - I encourage you to get a cracker-chip and a juice- drink beforehand; OnSite - we have a Communion packet for you. We will take this together.

OnLine - We invite you to **"Talk"** during Church and comment or "like" as you are watching us. **OnSite** - please be encouraging as you continue to build community!

Also, **PRAYER** is a powerful tool God invites you to participate in. If you have a Prayer Request—please go to our website, click on the 'About' tab and scroll down to the 'Prayer Request' Button.

For the present, our **'Kids City'** groups have been suspended. In the meantime, we have created 'Activity Bags' for each family. We will bring one to you.

- **Sunday, November 15th:** Beginning NEXT Sunday, Nov 15th, we will begin our five-minute countdown at 9:55. Then at 10:00 we will begin Worship! We are enjoying our time together OnSite and our Hope Family who gather together OnLine, this modification will aid our morning being on time.
- **Sunday Mornings** - we are encouraging everyone who worships OnSite to wear a mask/face covering – especially in the hallway. We are also asking you to participate in social distancing and sit every other row in the auditorium.
- **Veterans Week:** Know a Veteran – send them a text of thanks, see a Veteran – say a word of gratitude or possibly buy them a cup of coffee or lunch. Use this week to let a Veteran know you are thinking about them!



**Enemies; Defeating
those against You!**

November 08, 2020

Love God • Grow Together • Serve Others



Enemies: Defeating Those Against You

11-08-20

Warm Up: Share a favorite fall experience?

Read Matthew 5:43-48

1. What does Jesus' insistence that we love our enemies, tell you about the heart of Jesus and the nature of God?
4. In verse 44 Jesus declares, "Love your enemies". Some manuscripts include, "Bless those who curse you. Do good to those who hate you." Pray for those who persecute you!" Does this provide clarity to "Love your enemies" or is it a progression of love? Explain.
3. Pastor Mark shared this statement, "The first steps in defeating an Enemy may not be in eliminating their presence but in neutralizing their influence." Agree or Disagree? Explain.
4. How does praying for, forgiving and sharing an act of kindness work to neutralize a 'hater's' influence?
5. God doesn't want your present & future surrendered to something/someone who hurt you in your past. How is Jesus' teaching here, concerned for your present and your future?
6. Do you have someone who is fulfilling the 'hater' role in your life now? How can we pray for you and the situation?

Tag Hope Christian Church Facebook Group or Twitter this week while using #1ststeps. Please post how you have taken the #1ststeps this week. Let your experience be a light for others.

Some questions are from Serendipity Bible.

Watch again @ www.hope4wichita.org

11-01-20 Getting Even
10-25-20 Whatcha Say
10-18-20 Clarity in Chaos
10-11-20 War with Worry!

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Defeating Enemies

[We encourage you to write what comes to you during the morning]

The Word for Your Week!

Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." **Romans 12:20**

Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

1 Peter 3:9

But I say, love your enemies! Bless those who curse you. Do good to those who hate you. Pray for those who persecute you!

Matthew 5:44

Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

1 Thessalonians 5:15

If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink. **Proverbs 25:21**