

June 7, 2020

NORTH METRO CHURCH

NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



“At the Movies” SERIES OVERVIEW:

Jesus was a master of telling stories and pointing to everyday illustrations to draw people in and to make a point about the realities of life. In the “At the Movies” series, we, like Jesus, will be using the power of stories, or movies, to point to spiritual realities and make personal applications.

The schedule for this series is:

- June 7 - A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
- June 14 - The Best of Enemies
- June 21 - The Sandlot
- June 28 - Crazy Rich Asians
- July 5- Avengers End Game
- July 12 - The Peanut Butter Falcon
- July 19 - The Last Dance (2020 miniseries release)
- July 26 - Aladdin

“AT THE MOVIES: A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”



Rob's Main Points from "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"

Main Texts: Matthew 5:38–39, Ephesians 4:17–5:2

Getting even may feel good for a moment, but it will never heal your heart.

In order to let IT go, you need to let THEM go.

Icebreaker:

Mr. Rogers was known for dishing out great advice about life. What is some of the best advice were you given growing up and who shared this advice with you?

Discussion Questions:

Read Matthew 5:38-39.

Do you have any objections to the course of action Jesus outlines in verses 39-42? What objections? Why?

What do our objections tell us about ourselves? About the world we live in (or at least, about how we understand that world and how it works)?

*For a little perspective on Jesus' teaching on Matthew 5:38-39, check out the following short article from GotQuestions: <https://www.gotquestions.org/turn-other-cheek.html>

Read Ephesians 4:26-5:2.

Why is it important to deal with your anger before the sun goes down? What happens when you don't deal with anger?

Respond to the following Lewis Smedes quote: "When you refuse to forgive, you are giving the person who walloped you once the privilege of hurting you all over again—in your memory." Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

Have you ever wronged someone that did not retaliate and seek vengeance but loved you instead? If so, how did this impact you?

Have you ever wronged someone accidentally or on purpose, then owned your actions and asked that person for forgiveness? What do you think taking responsibility for your actions did for that person?

Talk about a time when you've seen a person unable to get past a wrong done to them by someone else. In what ways did that person's inability to move on affect him or her?

Describe a time when you have forgiven someone. How did this make you feel? What changed in you as a result of forgiveness?

Discuss some obstacles that prevent people from forgiving each other.

Reread Ephesians 4:31-5:2.

How is forgiveness the key to getting rid of anger?

How does it change your perspective when you focus on how God has forgiven you?

Who is one person you need to forgive—not necessarily for his or her benefit but for your future? What can you do this week to take a step toward forgiving? How can this group support you?

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there one thing you'd especially like to remember this week?

What questions do you still have?