

*June 14, 2020*

# NORTH METRO CHURCH

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## 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: THE BEST OF ENEMIES”



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## Rob's Main Points from “The Best of Enemies”

Main Texts: John 17:20-21, Matthew 5:43-48

How can you truly love your enemy if you don't know your enemy?

Always first seek understanding.

We often confuse knowing about someone with actually knowing someone.

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## Icebreaker:

How can you tell if a person loves you? What kind of behaviors would give you the impression that a person loves you?

What kinds of behaviors do you demonstrate to other people to let them know that you love them?

## Discussion Questions:

**Read Matthew 5:38–48**

Do we have any objections to the course of action Jesus outlines in verses 43-48? 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)?

What are the risks of trying to love our enemies? What are the benefits of loving our enemies?

Do you have any apprehensions about talking with someone who doesn't look like you? If so, why?

How can taking the time to get to know someone and really listening to their heart, hurts, struggles and stories help you have more empathy for them?

Have you had a relationship like that of Ann Atwater and CP Ellis that went from being enemies to becoming good friends? Share what happened to transform that relationship?

In what way does remembering your failings help you to be patient with your enemies?

Discuss the following statement that Rob' quoted on Sunday:

*"It's not enough to simply NOT be racist. As a follower of Jesus we must be anti-racist."*

What might change in our actions and in our relationships if we shifted from being simply "not racist" to being "anti-racist"?

Read **John 13:33–35**. Then read **Galatians 6:2**. What are some tangible ways you can carry the burden of someone who doesn't look like you?

What is one way you can align your thoughts with Christ's to ensure that you honor and respect the image of God in everyone you meet?

What beliefs should you ask God to change in your heart about your brother or sister of a different race?

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?