**Christmas Series: God. With. Us.**

**Today: The Others Side of Christmas**

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***James 2:8***

*If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,”you are doing right.*

***Matthew 22:36-40***

*36“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”*

*37Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

Jesus often used hyperbolic teaching.

***Matthew 5:38-44***

*38“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ 39But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.*

*40And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.*

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*43“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*

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