









## FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
16	2	3	HOLINESS	Holiness in the New Testament	66: Love your enemies

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes  
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [ copy this: ☒ ] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

**Prayer:** Trisagion Prayers

**Starter:**

1 minutes shared silence. Think privately of 2 people who are your friends, and 2 people with whom you do not get on at all.

**Learning objectives:**

To appreciate why loving one's enemies lies at the very heart of the gospel.

### Core Activities and Learning

1. Resource Sheet 66: Leader reads out the complete Scripture ONCE and then as an individual exercise, without warning, the students are given the sheet to complete from memory. They must not have the sheets in front of them until the Leader has finished reading out the text.
2. The Leader reads out the text again so that the students may correct their work.
3. Read together from the Resource Sheet: Romans 5:6-11, paying attention to verse 8.

*(The Leader may need to explain the text in some detail from an Orthodox point of view. Use the Homily of St Anthony the Great to help both you and the group).*

DISCUSS: Why, from this text, do we learn that "loving our enemies" is at the heart of the gospel of the cross?

4. Each student completes the section: "What it requires from me to love my enemy." His or her insights are then shared among the group.

**Resources:** Resource Sheet 66

**Review:** When we created enmity between us and God by turning away from His Love, He died for us and on account of our sin in order to recreate and renew that friendship. So also ought we to love our enemies; those we have turned away from or who have turned away from us.

**Follow Up:** Try and improve a relationship you have which needs repair.