

Community Group Homework Questions

Song (Optional): “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” OR “And Can it Be?”
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1. The rabbinical teachers of Jesus’ day had taken a sinful inclination (to hate your enemy) and made it sound holy by inserting it into the law of God. Can you think of a sinful impulse or inclination that’s been “Christianized” in our time and made to seem holy?
2. Pastor Bryan mentioned that Christians can often be heard to say things like, “I gave him a piece of my mind” or “I let him have it” as a badge of honor. What is it about us that makes us proud of responding in this way? What is at the root of that in our hearts?
3. Jesus challenged the disciples with the question, “What do you do more than others?” What is our honest answer to that question? How are our lives different in light of our relationship with the Lord? Where do they need to become more different still?
4. Read the passage on the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:16-26. We know that, without the Holy Spirit, we are helpless to live in the way that Jesus is describing here. What role then does our effort play in the process (see verse 26)?
5. Write down enemies that come to mind for you. These could be personal enemies who are working against you in your life, or more general enemies of the cause of Christ in our communities, in our state, in our country, or in the world. Share these enemies with your group, and then pray for them together.

A Generous Heart with No Revenge

Luke 6:27-31

Series #35

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“A Generous Heart with No Revenge.”** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Have you ever been slapped or punched in the face? What’s your natural response to such?
2. What section of Scripture has possibly been the most misunderstood section in the entire Sermon on the Mount?
3. What is one of the reasons why this passage is often misunderstood?
4. Jesus devoted a large section of the Sermon on the Mount to correct the rabbinical what?
5. Did Jesus alter or modify God’s law in the Sermon on the Mount?
6. Jesus showed God’s intention in His law, and that is for our hearts to be what?
7. God is not satisfied with mere what?
8. In the text read for today’s sermon, Jesus is describing the actions or reactions of a person who has what kind of heart?
9. It takes a special person, transformed by the grace of God, who is able to resist the what?

10. What was the commonly accepted view of Jesus's day regarding loving neighbors and enemies?
11. The religious leaders/teachers had interpreted the word "neighbor" only to refer to people who what?
12. Where in the Old Testament does it tell us to give our enemy food and/or water if he is hungry or thirsty?
13. The teachers of Jesus' day promoted and supported their views by doing what?
14. Who did Jesus set up as the authority?
15. The people were astonished at what concerning Jesus's teaching?
16. What does Jesus tell us to do to those who say harsh, unkind things about us or do unkind things to us?
17. How is it possible to love our enemies and bless those who curse us and do good to those who hate us?
18. We need the Lord and His salvation. We also need His what?
19. We are to not only love our enemy but we are to also do what?
20. The Sermon on the Mount is supposed to drive us where?
21. Is Jesus addressing criminal acts or military aggression?
22. What did Jesus caution against in Luke 12:14?
23. If you are going to err, err on the side of letting someone do what?

24. What is most precious is our testimony for Christ and our being what?
25. The 2nd part of verse 29 speaks to what people do with our what?
26. Which was more valuable: the tunic or the cloak?
27. What is the penetrating question Jesus asked the disciples in Matthew 5:47?
28. Verse 30 is pressing us to have what kind of spirit?
29. Jesus is NOT saying that we should support what kind of person?
30. As a person who belongs to Christ, are you known as one who is giving, generous, and non-retaliatory to people?
31. What is the only command in verse 31?
32. Verse 31 has been called the what?
33. The greatest measure of love for God and others is what?
34. From 1 Corinthians 13 we see that love looks like what?
35. We are trained and disciple by our society to believe that the most precious thing in all the world is what?
36. What can you never earn by doing the Golden Rule?