

Week 2 – Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5:17-32

Bible Project Videos: These are for those that would like to go deeper in their study of the Sermon on the Mount. Do not feel obligated to use them for your Group.

- Here is where you can find more Visual Commentaries for the Sermon on the Mount: [Visual Commentaries](#)
- Want to dig deeper? Check out these Guides,
 - [Jesus and the Torah](#)
 - [Murder, Adultery, and Divorce](#)

Group Discussion: This is my recommended outline and questions. Please feel free to add questions that best fit your group.

This section of the Sermon on the Mount has some very difficult and very specific teachings about murder, adultery, and divorce. My recommendation is to begin with this [Video](#)

Read Matthew 5:17-32 ([Digital Bible](#))

- How does understanding the word Torah (the Law) as instruction instead of rules helpful?
- How might Jesus' first audience have understood his claim that he was going to fulfill the story of the Hebrew Bible?
- What kinds of attitudes or actions could be seen as "doing right by your neighbor" for Jesus followers today?
- When you consider Jesus' words in Matthew 5:21-32, what does Jesus seem to be saying about the value of humans?
- Why does Jesus connect anger and name-calling to murder?
- How is looking at someone lustfully rooted in the same attitude as adultery?
- What does Jesus actually mean when he says to "cut off your hand" and "pluck out your eye"?
- Jesus is having a direct conversation about an instruction about divorce that is specific to the Jewish people of his day, how does that differ from divorce in our day?
- When talking about divorce and remarriage, how is Jesus advocating for the fair treatment of women?
- What is something that you've learned from this section of scripture and what is something you are wrestling with?