

Week 3 – Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5:33-48

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 this Guide,
 - [Oaths, Retaliation, Loving Enemies](#)

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

Begin with this [Video](#)

Read Matthew 5:33-48 ([Digital Bible](#))

- Take some time to reflect on any themes from the video or passage (Matthew 5:33-48) that resonated with you.
- Why does Jesus tell his followers to never swear oaths?
- Do you ever use phrases like “I promise” or “I swear” to convince someone to believe you? What might that reveal about how you communicate?
- Referring to retaliation and revenge, Jesus says, “don’t pay back an evil person,” or “do not resist-in-kind an evil person.” How would you summarize what he encourages his followers to do instead (see Matthew 5:37-42)?
- What would it look like for you to break the cycle of retaliation?
- According to Jesus, why is it not enough to simply tolerate your enemies? Why is it better to love them?
- How can you show love while maintaining healthy boundaries?
- What are some ways that God shows kindness to all people, and how can this inspire us to love without partiality or favoritism?
- How does making peace and loving others in these ways make us “whole” or “complete?”