

Bible Study, Matthew, Week 2ue

Day: 1

Read Matthew 5: 13-16

1. Name the two examples Jesus use here to describe our role as Christians.
2. What does it tell us about our responsibilities?
3. Why do we have to be like this?
4. Does the study of the Beatitudes throw any light on this piece?
5. How does everything fit in together?
6. What are the end words in verse 12?
7. What are the end words in verse 16?
8. What does that tell us?

Day: 2

Read Matthew 5: 17-26

1. Do you think the following is true: The whole Old Testament goes into a funnel that runs out on Jesus?
2. Do you think Jesus gives the real meaning to the Old Testament?
3. Do you think you can understand and do the Law as in the Old Testament without Jesus?
4. Jesus also carried the punishment for us, making it possible for us to keep the commandments in Him, we cannot keep it and do it without Him.
5. What does Jesus say about "The Kingdom Of Heaven?"
6. Name the six examples.
7. Te seventh example is the life of Jesus.
8. This is the time for us to get to know Him today through His life.

Day: 3

Read Matthew 5: 21-26

1. Do you think we as Christians ever get very angry at our brothers and sisters in Christ?
2. Do you think we get angry at other people?
3. Do you think this is "murder" in God's eyes?
4. What is the weapon we normally use when we get so angry?
5. Sometimes we use the word directly to the person, sometimes when the person is not there. Do you think it makes any difference?
6. Do Christians take each other to court?
7. Is that how it should be?
8. This is where Jesus opens all our inner wars and speak to us about all our wrath and He shows us how it should be.

9. Is it really practical in modern society today?
10. How do you think we can achieve it?

Day: 4

Read Matthew 5: 27-37

1. Most of us would like to say we have integrity. The word comes from the Latin *integritas* that also means wholeness and perfectness. We are not whole or perfect by any means. Do you think it is a valid excuse to say: "I'm only human?"
2. What does the piece we have read say to us about it?
3. Do you think our "little" sins can be like the one "bad" apple that spoils the whole crate?
4. Do you think Jesus misses any of our disloyalty, greed, unwillingness to forgive and our struggle to tell the truth?
5. It is if He wants to scare His disciples, do you think He wants to tell us anything with these examples?
6. Name the things mentioned in these verses.
7. Do you think it is the things that tear our modern society apart?
8. What is the lesson in it for us?

Day: 5

Read Matthew 5: 38-42

I have to be honest with you; today this Bible Study really speaks to the modern man living in violent times. Especially here in South Africa and in so many other countries of the world. Going the extra mile is most of the time just not practical any more. Yet so many still do it and we can really learn from such people. We have to keep in mind that Jesus lived in violent times as well and still He said it.

1. How much do you think God really expects of you as far as these verses are concerned?
2. Do you think it is still practical and possible in modern society to turn the other cheek?
3. Is it really possible not to go against a violent person?
4. What do you think we are supposed to take from today's piece?
5. Is it possible that it is all about our attitude towards others and how it governs our actions?
6. What is the role of love in all this?
7. What does Jesus teach us about love?

Day: 6

Read Matthew 5: 43-48

1. What is the reason that Jesus says we have to be completely different from non-Christians?
2. Why do we have to be so completely different?
3. What does it tell us about God as our Father?
4. What does it tell us about how we are supposed to be?
5. Do you think it is possible for us to act in this way?
6. What would the result be if we were to act like this?

Day: 7

Read: Matthew 6:1-4

1. Children do things to "show off" but, do you think we also still do it when it comes to the work we do?
2. Is it possible that some of the things we do are only to be seen?
3. Is it possible that we are sometimes "showing off" instead of doing the work in all honesty with only others in mind?
4. What does Jesus say about the way we should work?