

Re-Radicalized

Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 1

Day 5

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 4 with the Lord)

Read the text: Matthew 5:11-12 (Jot down words that you want to reflect on)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- You might not be truly persecuted, but there's certainly the possibility of experiencing false accusations, etc. Has any of this happened to you because you took a stand for the Lord? (v. 11)
- How is it possible to rejoice in the midst of these kinds of oppositions?
- How does it make you feel knowing how much God is on your side? (V. 12)

Summarize: Now take a moment to go back and pour over your observations as well as your responses to the questions.

Engage with God: Bring your thoughts, questions, and desire for change to the Lord for his forgiveness, wisdom, correction, guidance, and direction.

Extra Questions To Consider

1. What is the Lord saying to you personally?
2. What do you need to pray about?
3. With whom does the Lord want you to share this devotional?
4. Who has the Lord placed on your heart to pray for and invite to church?

Digging Deeper

- How have you handled a situation in which someone spoke out falsehood against you?
- What scripture comes to mind about handling false accusations? (Consider 1 Peter 3:16; Exodus 20:16; Isaiah 54:17; Proverbs 11:9; 1 Peter 3:9)
- Consider the hope, the blessing, the reward for waiting on the Lord, being patient in affliction and enduring for His sake, not only as you examined verses 3-11, but also here is verse 12.
- Read 1 Peter 1:6-9 and James 1:2-4 and determine how joy can overcome our difficult or terrible circumstances.
- In reflecting back over the week, what how is the Lord speaking to you?