

Re-Radicalized

Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 5

Day 22

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from Day 11 with the Lord)

Read the text: Matthew 5:17-20 (Focus: Need for righteousness)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- If the Law, simply put, revealed our need for Someone Else' righteousness in order to be saved, why do you suppose so many Jewish religious leaders and their followers added various works to earn their salvation?
- Why do you think Jesus was more concerned with one's heart? (Read Matthew 6:21)
- What role does our attitude play in our approach to Jesus' directives in our lives?

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

- In what way(s) do you understand Romans 3:20-22 and Romans 8:3-4 revealing Christ's fulfillment of our need for His righteousness?
- How do you see Romans 10:9-10 as an open door to receiving the righteousness of Christ?
- How do you see yourself, as a follower of Jesus, abiding in God's grace rather than becoming a "darn-right" Christian? (i.e. – being an "inside/out" Christian, not an "outside/in" legalistic Christian)
- How can you exhibit Christ's righteousness to others? (See John 15:10-12; Colossians 3:13; Micah 6:8; James 1:19-20, 4:10; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Philippians 4:8-9)