

Re-Radicalized

Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 5

Day 23

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from Day 12 with the Lord)

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

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- Describe goodness in terms of your belief, thinking and behavior.
- In what ways has Jesus been an example of goodness in your life?
- What do you feel you need to do so that your goodness, according to verse 20, does not become like *that of the scribes and Pharisees*?

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 would you describe goodness?
- Look at how Scripture describes the goodness of the Lord: Exodus 34:6; Psalm 86:5, 145:9; I Chronicles 16:34; Isaiah 41:10; James 1:17; Nahum 1:7; Romans 5:8.
- What do the following references tell you about exhibiting goodness? Psalm 34:8, 100:5, 143:10; Galatians 5:22-23, 6:10; Romans 8:28, 12:9, 15:14; Ephesians 4:29, 32; Matthew 12:35; Micah 6:8; James 3:13.
- From the preceding verses, how do you see goodness playing a key role in your belief, thinking and behavior?
- By what you have examined in Scripture and have reflected on in your mind and heart, in what way(s) should your goodness be able to *exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees*?
- How are you going to live differently as a result of this study?