

Re-Radicalized

Devotional on the Sermon on the Mount

Week 6

Day 30

Praise (Reflect on what you're grateful for from DAY 29 with the Lord)

Read the text: Matthew 5:38-48 (Jot down words that you want to reflect on)

Ask questions & interpret the context:

- What is your first reaction to reading these verses?
- Why do you suppose the Lord desires for you to maintain such a high level attitude toward others, especially those with whom you don't get along with?
- In what way(s) can you cling to Romans 12:19?
- How do you want to pursue holiness (v.48)?

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

- When you read the following phrases, what first comes to mind? ***But I tell you, 'Do not resist him who is evil,' 'but whoever strikes you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also,' 'If anyone sues you to take away your coat let him have your cloak also,' 'Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two,' 'Give to him who asks you, and don't turn away him who desires to borrow from you,' 'But I tell you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who mistreat you and persecute you.'***
- What can a follower of Jesus do to resist reaction or retaliation in a heated moment? (Consider vs.39-42)
- Why do you think Jesus included these verses in this powerful chapter?
- Do you think a neighbor is one who is in need or one who has the power to help others who are in need? And why? (v.43)
- What can a follower of Jesus do to return evil with goodness? (Consider verse 44)
- How do you want to live differently in pursuit of holiness?