

Applying God's Word

This Week's Passage: Matthew 5:38-42

Corresponding Sermon from King's Church: "Doing The Unexpected"

Opening Discussion

1. Read this week's passage together.
2. Share *your* immediate observations from this text. Was there anything shared in Sunday's sermon that stuck out to *you*?
3. In what ways were you able to see *yourself* in the sermon and in the text?

Going Deeper

1. Jesus calls us to an inner righteousness that sees people, made in the image of God, as more important than our rights. That is true whether the rights in question pertain to *our honor, our possessions, or our time*. In our culture, what rights do we tightly hold on to? How do we turn them into idols?

2. Jesus reminds us in the end that we are to sacrificially give of ourselves to serve others. Discuss together how insisting on our rights can damage our witness before unbelievers. Why is this a problem and what steps can we take to avoid it?

Prayer Points

1. Ask the Lord for forgiveness for when you have made an idol out of your rights.
2. Ask him to conform you to the image of Jesus and his humble service toward others.