

Questions for Matthew 5:38-42

Turning the Other Cheek

Warm Up

- 1) Describe the kind of person or circumstance that gets under your skin and makes you want to get even.

Explore

- 2) Read Matthew 5:38-42. Why was the law Jesus references in verse 38 first given by God? What was His intent?
- 3) Is the statement in verse 39 intending to keep us from ever standing up for ourselves? How is this statement getting at our reputation and honor, and what does that have to do with living like Jesus?
- 4) Are Christians ever able to bring a lawsuit? Why or why not? What is the big idea behind verse 40?
- 5) Why did Jesus include His words found in verse 41-42 in this part of the message? How does a Christian live out radical generosity?
- 6) What are the overarching themes of this section? How do they set apart the actions and reactions of people in God's Kingdom? How do those actions/reactions speak out the gospel of the Kingdom?

Apply

- 7) Which of the statements Jesus makes here are most difficult for you to practice? Why? Take time as a group releasing those challenges up to the Lord and pray for each other.