

Sermon Discussion Questions for January 26, 2020

Matthew 5 Sermon on the Mount

1. "It is not hard to learn more. What is hard is to unlearn when you discover yourself wrong." Martin Fischer. Would you agree with this? Any examples from your personal life?
 2. Way of Living#1 to UNLEARN – "It is important to keep up appearances." Actually, Jesus desires authenticity. How difficult is it to be yourself, to be authentic? Do we "put on airs" when we are at work, at school, at church? Why are so concerned about the opinions of others? How does God want us to find our identity?
 3. Way of Living #2 to UNLEARN – "It is all about behaviors." Actually, Jesus wants to change your heart. Who in the NT was obsessed about following rules and regulations? What is the source of inappropriate behavior? What example did Pastor Andrew give related to not fixating on the "behavior" but rather finding the source of the behavior? (water leak in ceiling). What does Jesus say about adultery in 5:27-28? How radical was this to the Scribes and Pharisees?
 4. Way of Living #4 to UNLEARN – "Some people need Jesus more than others." Actually, we are all desperately lost without Him. What are some sins that most everyone considers unacceptable and deplorable? What are some sins that some categorize as acceptable? What does Jesus say about lust as compared to adultery? Anger as compared to murder? Discuss story of woman caught in the act of adultery and how Jesus addressed the situation.
 5. In Matthew 5:48, Jesus says, "Therefore, you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." What does this mean? Is this possible? Discuss.
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

