



PREACHING CURRICULUM

JESUS ON RETALIATION & LOVE

MATTHEW 5:38-48

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

What is the key to understanding the seemingly different commands to not seek revenge AND also "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth?" _____

Why is it so radical and different to love our enemies and show love to those who hate and do evil to you? _____

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Reflecting on your experiences, have you ever been disrespected and dishonored by another person for your faith and love for Christ? How have you responded, either positively or negatively? _____

Which of the 4 examples in Matthew 5:38-42 do you struggle with the most? Which one do you find easiest to obey regularly? _____

How to respond to personal offence:

- What if I experience extreme disrespect?
- What if my possessions are seized?
- What if my time is taken advantage of?
- What if my money is requested?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

How do you respond to someone when they have disrespected and taking advantage of you? How can you show love and respond with kindness to them in spite of this? What would this look like? _____

How can you love people in your life who hate you or can be considered enemies or adversaries? What would that look like in your life? _____

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

How will you commit to showing love, not only to those who love you, but to those who do not show love to you, this week? _____

5 PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

DATE: _____

PERSON	REQUEST	ANSWER/PRAISE REPORT