

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 5:21-48

As you look around, what area of sinful human brokenness do you see as having the biggest impact on the world?

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What responses do you have as you read Jesus' teaching on the law and relationships?



Looking back on all you have read so far in the Sermon on the Mount, how are motives central to Jesus' teaching?

Jesus takes an internal view of the Law by looking at the attitudes behind the actions because the actions reflect the heart. In each of the six units, what does Christ feature rather than the least that can be done or the most that can be permitted?

Read Exodus 20:1-17. As you look at these commandments what do they express of the character of God and His desire for humanity? How do these correlate to what Jesus is saying?

Look through the six units of murder, adultery, divorce, oaths, revenge, and loving your enemies. What strikes you in each one of these?

The enemy works in opposition to the community of God's people. What tricks does he use to bring us down?

What is your motivation for how you live? How does the gospel affect your everyday life?

Verse 48 summarizes what Jesus has been saying. What response do you have to His high standards?

Pray God would reveal areas of your life that need to be submitted to His will.

