

Foster City Campus – November 19, 2017



Be Perfect!

Matthew 5:27-48 - Mark Mitchell

1. Can you think of an impossible standard that you have unsuccessfully tried to reach in your lifetime?
2. What ways did the five examples in these verses expose the hypocrisy and legalism of the religious leaders?
3. Can you think of examples of how easy it is for committed believers to fall into the same trap as the religious leaders?
4. In what ways do the five examples Jesus used highlight the perfect law of love?
5. Mark talked about "common grace." What is common grace? What are the implications of this for how we treat others, especially those who are hard to love?
6. Discuss this statement: "Jesus didn't set the bar so high to condemn us but to humble us."
7. Mark talked about how this section of the Sermon on the Mount drives us to the gospel. What are the three ways the gospel works in our life when we come to God "poor in spirit."
8. Discuss the caterpillar/butterfly illustration Mark used towards the end of his message. Do you see yourself as striving to become what you are not or maturing into what you are?

South Campus – November 19, 2017



Sermon Based Questions

Dominic Rivera - Matthew 5: 27-48

1. How would you summarize Jesus' teaching on adultery? How did it differ from (and how was it similar to) the Law?
2. Why does our "heart" (i.e. our internal being) matter?
3. In your own words, what is Jesus' teaching on divorce (also refer to Matthew 19.3-7)? How would you discuss this with a friend who has been divorced?
4. Verses 33-37, Jesus calls His followers to be people of integrity. How would you define integrity?
5. Share about someone in your life who is a person of integrity. What is characteristic of them?
6. In the teaching on retaliation, what point is Jesus trying to make with the illustrations (v.39-42)?
7. Describe a situation in which you pursued revenge. Describe a situation in which you chose to retaliate with grace. What stuck with you about each of the situations?
8. In verses 43-48, what reason(s) does Jesus give to Love those who seek our harm? Who are the examples (people you know or people through history) that inspire you to love your enemies?
9. If you chose to live as Jesus describes in these verses, how could this impact your world? What difference would it make?