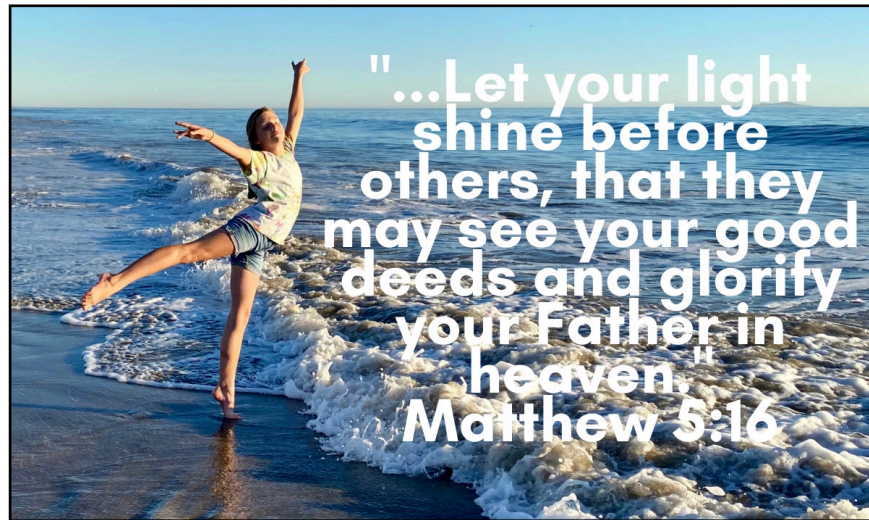


Sermon Scavenger Hunt

Matthew 5:21-48

Think about it...A hypocrite claims to have moral standards or beliefs to which their behavior does not conform. Do you think you have ever been a religious hypocrite?



Sermon Scavenger Hunt Questions...Listen to the sermon to discover answers to the following questions. Submit your answers for a prize!

1. The Pharisees obeyed outwardly by doing all the right things, but God required inward righteousness of thoughts and motives. How is this even possible?
2. True or False. The Sermon on the Mount is a set of rules to be followed to earn God's favor.
3. Matthew 5:21-49 concludes with a drop the microphone moment. What does it mean to be perfect as God the Father is perfect?
4. True or False. We cannot reflect a deeper righteousness or God's perfect character without Jesus transforming us from the inside out.
5. Jesus doesn't contradict the Old Testament law or throw it out, but he corrects misinterpretations of the law and tells us what God intended by the law. How many times does Jesus say, "You have heard it said...But I tell you" in Matthew 5:21-48?
6. The Pharisees thought if they didn't murder they had kept God's command, but what deeper righteousness does Jesus call his followers to keep in verses 21-16?

7. Jesus affirms the sanctity and beauty of intimacy within the context of a marriage between a man and a woman. Then he gives some advice on how to maintain purity by making an exaggerated claim. How would you explain the “gouge your eye out” command (verse 29)?
8. True or False. We should be people of our word and let our yes be yes. If we keep our promises and are honest people we won’t need to make oaths in the first place.
9. Read verses 38-42. How can you act in love toward those who hurt you instead of seeking revenge? (After church, ask your parents if they think these verses require absolute pacifism in the face of evil).
10. Read verses 43-48. What is one way you can love your enemy according to verse 44? Can you think of a time that Jesus modeled this (Hint: Luke 23:34).
11. Jesus expects from his followers the kind of behavior that other people think is unreasonable to expect. Our love for others shouldn’t just resemble non-Christians, “we must surpass them in virtue.” How is this even possible as imperfect people?

Memory Verse Challenge: Matthew 5:3-10

Use hand motions to aid memory of The Beatitudes. At the end of February, submit your memory verse video to LauriHaugen@elmopres.org for a prize!

The Beatitudes	Handmotions
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Drop head in repentance, then make crown with your hands upon your head
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.	Look sad then rock a baby
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.	Flex arms, turn flexed arms upside down, now make a round earth with arms
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.	Feed self, then hold up right hand, next rub tummy
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.	Use right middle finger to touch center of left palm, repeat with left middle finger on right palm...represents Jesus’ nails in his hands
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.	Draw a heart on your chest with your fingers and then make glasses with your fingers and hold to your eyes
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.	Make a peace sign and then point to self and then point “up” to God
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Make a jab motion like a pirate fighting with a sword, then hold up your right hand, and finally make a crown with your hands upon your head

Matt. 5:21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Matt. 5:23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Matt. 5:25 “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Matt. 5:27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Matt. 5:31 “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Matt. 5:33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Matt. 5:38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Matt. 5:43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.