CBC AT HOME JULY 18-19, 2020

THE POISONED AND PRIVILEGED HEART—MATTHEW 5:33-42

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

• Why is oath-taking/oath-breaking one of the examples Jesus provides when discussing the righteousness of man? How does new kingdom living look differently?



- What "rights" do you demand from God or from others? Why does Jesus call us to relinquish those rights as kingdom people in this passage?
- How difficult (or easy) is "commitment" for you in terms of your relationships, plans, and/or promises? How can simply saying "yes" or "no" (v. 37) help you in these areas?
- Describe a former or current time when you had a strained relationship with another. How did you "relent from retaliation" and/or "release your rights" during that time? How did it change the relationship?
- Share one way that you have responded to God's Word this week, either through your personal devotional time or through the sermon.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

- If you followed verse 37, "let what you say be simply 'yes' or 'no'," and you knew people would hold you to that, how would your decision-making change?
- Talk about a time when you've been treated unfairly or when you treated someone else unfairly? How did you respond, or how did the person respond to you? How did that make you feel?
- Does verses 39-42 mean that we don't "stand up for ourselves?" Why or why not?

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. —James 5:12 (ESV)

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

No Longer Slaves

https://youtu.be/bDnA_coA168

Thousand Tongues

https://youtu.be/8KHAUtRwZJE

CROSS REFERENCES FOR REFLECTION

Deuteronomy 19:21; 23:21-23 1 Samuel 24 Psalm 15:4 Zechariah 8:16-17 Matthew 23:16-22 Acts 5 James 1:15; 3:7-8; 5:12

