

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – The Sermon on the Mount – Rules to Live By

Read Matthew 5-7

Beatitudes - [First Four of Jesus' Beatitudes](#), [Last Five of Jesus' Beatitudes](#)

Six commands (some you may not want to discuss in SS depending on the age of your group)

- Words on murder/anger Matt 5:21-26
 - Why should we hold anger in check?
 - How do we begin to keep our tempers from boiling over?
 - What did Jesus ask people to do? [go to the altar and forgive]
 - How important is forgiveness to heal anger?
 - Forgiveness requires us to do more than give lip-service to "I'm sorry," it is a change of heart.
 - How often do we say, "Sorry," and not really mean it?
 - In that day, if you threatened to kill someone you could be arrested because your words were the same as deeds.
 - How would that work today?
 - Would you watch what you said more if you knew you could be arrested for just saying it?
 - Words on adultery/lust Matt 5:27-30
 - Look at the words and deeds. Jesus said to even think the sin is the same as committing it.
 - Could you get arrested for what you're thinking?
 - Who might arrest your thinking? Who knows your thoughts?
- Words on divorce Matt 5:31-32
- On the taking of oaths/truthfulness of every word Matt 5:33-37
 - What does Jesus mean by letting all our conversations be yea, yea or nay, nay?
 - What would that sound like?
 - How important is it to know what to say "Yes" to and what to say "No" to?
 - Give examples
- Loving one's enemies Matt 5:43-48
 - How easy is it to love your enemies?

- Do you have any enemies?
- Why might it be difficult to love them?
- What's our reward for loving our enemies?
- Does God love you and your enemies?
- How do you know that He does? [Matt 5:45]