Silver Creek Fellowship
NOTES

January 22

YOU HAVE HEARD IT SAID
MATTHEW 5:17-20

Matthew 5:17-20 *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. (NKJV)*

SIX STATEMENTS ABOUT GREATER RIGHTEOUSNESS:

Statement #1 - ***Matthew 5:21-22:*** *"You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court."*

☑ **Jesus' disciples are called to <u>actively offer goodness</u> in their words and relationships.**

Statement #2 - ***Matthew 5:27-28*** : *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery' but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart."*

☑ **Jesus' disciples are called <u>be alert</u> to lust in their own hearts.**

Statement #3 - ***Matthew 5:31-32:*** *"And it was said, 'Whoever sends his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce'; but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery." (NKJV)*

☑ **Jesus' disciples are called to <u>protect the dignity</u> of people who have been mistreated in divorce.**

Statement #4 - ***Matthew 5:33-34*** *"Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.' But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool." (NKJV)*

☑ **Jesus' disciples are called to <u>back up their words</u> with their life.**

Statement #5 - *Matthew 5:38-39 (NKJV): ""You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you".*

☑ **Jesus' disciples are called to <u>retaliate with kindness</u>**

Statement #6 - *Matthew 5:43-44: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."*

☑ **Jesus' disciples are called to <u>respond with love.</u>**

☑ **You show you are a child of God <u>by acting the way your Father acts.</u>**

☑ **Loving our enemies shows that <u>God has already become our Father.</u>**

☑ **The Sermon on the Mount assumes <u>a profound conversion has happened.</u>**
Matthew 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies". (NIV)

Who are my "enemies"?

☑ **Those who those who persecute you.**

Matthew 5:44 (NIV) *"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" .*

☑ **Those who** those who don't love you.

Matthew 5:46 (NIV) *"If you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more* than others?" *.*

How do I love my "enemies"?

☑ **<u>Greeting non-Christians</u>**

Matthew 5:47 (NLT) *"And if you greet only your friends, how are you different than anyone else? Don't even the tax collectors do that?"*

☑ **<u>Practically meet needs</u>**

☑ **<u>Praying for them</u>**

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