



Guide

3/9 - Matthew 5:13-20

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
2. Let's read through Matthew 5:13-16. Jesus shifts from the beatitudes and begins to tell his audience about salt and light, painting a picture of contrast and influence in the world. What do you think is on Jesus' heart and mind at this moment as He looks out over all the people?
3. As Jesus speaks to this audience (with his disciples nearest him) in verses 13-16, what was inferred to His disciples as He spoke?
4. When you consider your life and your daily activity, do you think others would describe you as being salt and light in the world? Your friends, coworkers?
5. In verse 17, Jesus refers to fulfilling the law. What are some examples of Jesus "setting aside" and fulfilling laws?
6. What is Jesus saying when he refers to greatest and least commandments in verse 19? Is there a type of hierarchy? What is an illustration of this that you could provide to help a child understand this concept?
7. What has been the most impactful beatitude or portion of text in this sermon series for you?
8. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.