The King's Road: The Revelation of the King

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The King's Road: The Sermon on the Mount (Part 2) Matthew 5:33–48

Main Idea:

Jesus calls His followers to live with a righteousness that exceeds outward religion — one marked by integrity in speech, meekness in response to wrongs, and love that reflects the very heart of the Father.

1. Getting Started

- When have you given your word or made a promise and later realized it would be hard to keep? How did you handle it?
- Why do you think people struggle to simply say "yes" or "no" and stick to it?

2. Looking to the Word

Read Matthew 5:33-37

- What was Jesus exposing about how people in His day treated oaths and promises?
- How does verse 37 challenge the way we speak today both in person and online?
- What does integrity in speech reveal about the condition of the heart?

Read Matthew 5:38-42

- What was the original purpose of "an eye for an eye," and how had people twisted it?
- What does it look like to "turn the other cheek" in a modern context without becoming passive toward evil?
- How do these verses redefine what true strength looks like in the Kingdom of God?

Read Matthew 5:43-48

- Why was "love your enemy" such a radical command for Jesus' audience?
- How does God's example of sending sun and rain on both the good and the evil shape our view of mercy?
- What does Jesus mean when He says, "You must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"?

3. Reflecting on the Message

- Jesus calls us to speak with integrity, respond with meekness, and love like the Father. Which of these do you find most challenging, and why?
- When have you had an opportunity to respond to insult or injustice with meekness? How did that experience shape your faith?
- How can believers reflect God's love even toward those who oppose or mistreat them?

4. Living It Out

- What practical steps can you take this week to strengthen honesty and integrity in your speech?
- Identify one situation or relationship where you need to respond with meekness instead of retaliation. What might obedience look like there?
- Spend time praying for someone who has wronged you asking God to give you a heart that loves like the Father.