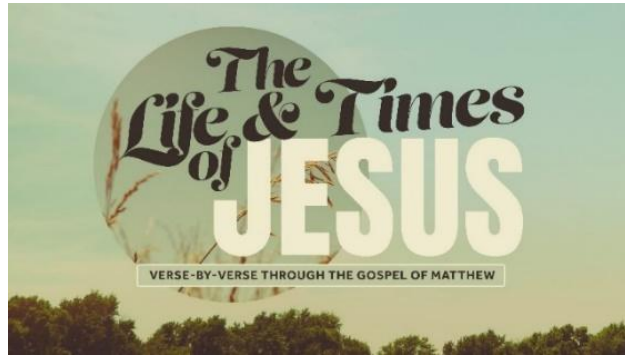


## FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ SUNDAY, JULY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025



### Part 7: “Kingdom Righteousness” (Part 3)

Matthew 5:43-48

#### Theme of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Citizenship

#### Kingdom Righteousness Includes...

1. Guarding your heart against hatred – Matt. 5:21-26
2. Protecting your heart and mind from lust – Matt. 5:27-30
3. Maintaining God’s standard for marriage – Matt. 5:31-32
4. Being truthful in everything – Matt. 5:33-37
5. Refusing to retaliate but instead blessing others in return – Matt. 5:38-42

#### Jesus’s Examples of Non-Retaliation:

- 1.) Don’t retaliate against an attack on your personal dignity – Matt. 5:39b
- 2.) Don’t retaliate if someone tries to attack you through the legal system – Matt. 5:40
- 3.) Don’t retaliate if someone tries to take advantage of your freedom – Matt. 5:41
- 4.) Don’t retaliate if someone tries to take advantage of your possessions and generosity – Matt. 5:42

#### What Jesus ISN’T teaching:

- 1.) Jesus isn’t teaching that we should be willing to be a “doormat” for everyone who wants to take advantage of us – Prov. 19:11; Matt. 18:21-22
- 2.) Jesus isn’t teaching that we should take no stand against evil at all – Rom. 13
- 3.) Jesus isn’t teaching that the possessions and resources He provides for us should all be given away to others whenever they ask
6. Not just loving your neighbors, but also loving your enemies – Matt. 5:43-48

