



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

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Series: Hearing & Doing Pt 3

Radical Righteousness

“Be perfect therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
Matt. 5:48

- 1. Radical righteousness lets go of the pervasive revenge narrative. (Matthew 5:38-42).**
- 2. Radical righteousness seeks to bear the fathers image by loving ones’ enemies. (Matthew 5:43-48).**
- 3. Radical righteousness despises religious hypocrisy and seeks only the reward of the Father. (Matthew 6:1-4).**

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Matthew 5:38-42. What law is Jesus' citing in verse 38 and how does he call the believers beyond it?
2. Read Matthew 5:42. What is the heart of Jesus is saying here and how literal are we to take these instructions?
3. Read Matthew 5:43-48. In what ways- is loving ones enemy, "image bearing?" What makes loving ones enemies a distinctive action?
4. What motivations does Jesus give for avoiding hypocrisy and giving generously? What do you think that motivations matter to Jesus and not just "acts?"

B. Meditation & application

5. What do you think Jesus means by- "don't resist an evil person and turn the other cheek?" Do you think he is saying there is no place for legal consequence or something else? Is there anyone that has wronged you, how is Jesus speaking to you in your response to them?
6. Who are your enemies? Personally, politically, ideologically, spiritually? What is Jesus saying to you about your response to them? How could you embody the gospel and the teachings of king Jesus in your relationship with those who have wronged you? Read Romans 12:17-21. How does this build on Jesus teaching?
7. How could you be both more generous and less hypocritical in your faith?
8. God is calling us to a radical righteousness that renounces revenge and hypocrisy and love enemies. How did Jesus exemplify these things and how is his example a blessing to us as we seek to live radically righteous?

"Dear Heavenly Father; Thank you for exemplifying a radical righteousness through the life of you Son- king Jesus. Help us to practice this radical way of life that Jesus is calling us to. We pray this in Jesus Name- Amen.