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Matthew 5

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ **39** But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. **40** And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. **41** If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. **42** Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. **43** “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ **44** But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **46** If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? **47** And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? **48** Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Matthew 5:38-48.
2. What does Jesus teach us in this passage?
3. What would your life look like if you followed this completely? What would the Church look like if we all did?
4. How do these teachings contradict what we take to be the normal way of doing things?
5. Why do you think Jesus wants us to live this way?
6. What are practical steps we can take to implement these teachings in our lives?

Take time to pray for one another.