

Session



Personal Study Guide

No Ordinary Faith

May 3, 2020

Introduction



What things drew you to Christ before you came to faith in Him?



How have you witnessed ordinary acts in the life of a person who pointed extraordinarily to Christ?

1. Instructions for Perfection (Matt. 5:38-44)



What is the essence of Jesus' teaching in verses 38-44? What did Jesus command His listeners to do?



How are these commands different than the commands that immediately precede them in the Sermon on the Mount?



What do we learn about ourselves when we truly examine our lives against this standard?



Application: How does your heart respond to Jesus' commands in verses 38-44?

2. The Model of Perfection (Matt. 5:20, 48)



How might we become more righteous than the scribes and the Pharisees so that we might enter heaven? How might we become perfect like God?



What are some ways Jesus perfectly fulfilled the commands of God that people might be saved through Him?



Application: How does recognizing Jesus' work on your behalf give you a desire to live in accordance with God's commands?

3. Only the Perfect are Rewarded (Matt. 5:46-48)



What reward is there for those who live obediently before God? Where does the ability to do so come from?



Application: How does the gospel motivate Christians to live in such a counter-cultural way?

Conclusion



What is your reaction to the commands of Jesus in this section? How are you challenged? How does this drive you to Jesus?



How does living in the way that God commands change our relationships with one another?



How might living in this way give opportunity to share with others the reason that you live differently than the world?

Daily Readings

- Monday - 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Tuesday - 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Wednesday - Matthew 4:4

- Thursday - Matthew 9:15
- Friday - Mark 11:24
- Saturday - James 5:16