

## Week 3-Class - Transformed Values

Young	Middle	Mature
<i>Solidify Christian Identity</i>	<i>Finding My Place</i>	<i>Poured Out</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanding circle of Christian relationships</li> <li>• Reorienting sense of identity</li> <li>• Forming Spiritual disciplines</li> <li>• Successfully fighting sin</li> <li>• Growing in knowledge of Scriptures</li> <li>• Increased understanding of God's value system</li> <li>• Gathering stories of faith and spiritual growth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy spiritual disciplines habits</li> <li>• Discovery of gifts / talents</li> <li>• Increasing use of talents &amp; time for God's purposes</li> <li>• Explore passion / calling</li> <li>• More in-depth study</li> <li>• Forming spiritual relationships with others</li> <li>• Comfortable in relationships with non-Christians</li> <li>• Comfortable sharing personal stories of faith</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain personal spiritual growth</li> <li>• Involved in ministry efforts</li> <li>• Lead ministry efforts</li> <li>• Aware of spiritual gifts and effectively using them for kingdom purposes</li> <li>• View possessions as resources for God's purposes</li> <li>• Life decisions are organized around God's will and purpose</li> <li>• Looking after spiritual health of others</li> </ul>

### Discussion

- What paces an individuals progress through these phases?
- Based on your experience what resources facilitate growth?
- What happens when someone attempts to do things before they are mature enough?
- What role does the church as an organization play in this chart?
- What responsibility does each person have in this chart?

### Transformed values

<b>2</b>	<b>Transformed Value System</b> (Rom 8,12; Eph 4-5; Matt 5-7)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Speech: listen &gt; talk, encouraging, thankful, restrained</li> <li>○ Avoiding anger, malice, resentment, gossip, sexual innuendo, biting sarcasm, course jokes</li> <li>○ Sexually pure in thoughts and actions</li> <li>○ Financial stewardship: avoiding greed &amp; materialism, trusting God for provisions, content with food &amp; shelter</li> <li>○ Growing healthy attitudes of contentment, peace, joy, and thankfulness</li> <li>○ Patient in suffering confident of God's purposes</li> <li>○ Balanced life – time for family, spouse, children, helping others, self, God</li> </ul>

## **New Righteousness (Matt 5:17-48)**

**Interpretive key...** "righteousness that exceeds Pharisees..." (5:17-20). Jesus is not rewriting the law to create a better version of a law approach to righteousness. Instead Jesus is highlighting how the new kingdom's righteousness will exceed the strict law righteousness by operating from the inside out.

### **Murder → Anger (5:21-25)**

#### **Discussion**

- What is the basic problem being addressed by these verses?
- What is the connection between vv.21-22, vv.23-24 and vv.25-26?
- Based on these verses, what does Jesus value?
- How do these verses depict, "a righteousness that exceeds the Pharisees and teachers of the law"?
- What interior motive is this section addressing?

### **Adultery → Desire (5:26-32)**

*Notes: the Greek translated as "looks at a woman lustfully" involves the idea of a purposeful look, looking at a woman for the purpose of lusting*

#### **Discussion**

- What problem does this section address?
- What connection is there between vv. 27-30 dealing with adultery and vv. 31-32 dealing with divorce?
- In what ways are vv. 28 & 32 related?
- I think vv. 31-32 are an extension of the same topic that begins in v. 27. How might you summarize the section to capture that connection?
- What interior motive is this section addressing?

### **Oaths → Character (5:33-37)**

*Notes: this section may be related to the previous section on adultery and divorce*

#### **Discussion:**

- What problem does this paragraph deal with?
- Why do people resort to "swearing" or "oath taking"?
- How would you follow the instructions of this section?
- What interior motive is this section addressing?

### **Fairness → Sacrifice (5:38-42)**

*Notes: "Eye for an Eye" is an ancient rule of justice that captures the idea that the punishment should fit the crime*

#### **Discussion**

- If the idea of "Eye for an eye" denotes fairness of justice, what does v. 39 imagine that would be better?
- What is the connection between vv. 38-42 and vv. 43-47?
- What interior motive is this section addressing?
- If "eye for an eye" is the law, how does this section depict something that exceeds the law?

All of these are anchored in the character of God who sends rain on just and unjust...perfectly

### **Not a righteousness on display (6:1-34)**

#### **Discussion:**

- What different "displays of righteousness" are mentioned in this section?
- How can righteous deeds be seen by others (5:16) when they are always done in secret?
- How can you relate vv. 19-24 as a display of righteousness?
- How does eating, drinking, and clothing (vv. 19-34) relate to "righteousness to be seen by men"?
- What common priorities and values are redefined in this section?
- What "masters" are we inclined to serve other than "money" (v. 24)?