

Discussion Questions

Your Word

Matthew 5:33-37

- 1 What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
- 2 Describe a time you were on the receiving end of someone telling you something that wasn't quite true, or they said something and then went back on it later? How did that leave you feeling?
- 3 Read Matthew 5:33-37. Previous to and after this part of the sermon Jesus talks about adultery, murder, divorce, retaliation and love, often these things are thought of as really important things. What does it mean that Jesus includes this section about oaths and would you agree?
- 4 When it comes to oaths, are you personally comfortable taking them or not? How does this passage impact you in this?
- 5 In the message Alvin talked about freedom for the Christian when it comes to oaths. Do you have further questions or comments that you would like to talk about regarding oaths?
- 6 Regarding application, Alvin mentioned 2 areas. Truthfulness in all our speech and follow through on our word. Which of these two areas needs to be the focus for you and how can you grow in it?
- 7 Growing in truthfulness and follow through may be one of the ways that Christians can do our good works before men so that they will glorify God in heaven. Why might this be true as you consider what it means to be salt and light, bringing the kingdom to earth?
- 8 Pray Together.

The **SERMON** on the **MOUNT**

Life in the Kingdom

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Matthew 5:33-37

33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

SERMON NOTES

- 1 The Kingdom of Heaven is _____ to the Kingdom of this world
- 2 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; _____ beyond this comes from the evil one.
- 3 When a man makes a _____ to the Lord... he must not _____ his word.
- 4 And do not _____ by your head, for you _____ make even one hair white or black.
- 5 There appears to be _____ on oaths, there is not _____ on the call to speak truth.
- 6 When you _____, speak truthfully and _____ through.
