

March 1, 2020

"Squash Your Beef" | Matthew 5:21-26

One key attitude adjustment a disciple needs is to let go of grudges and being right. We need to prefer instead to swallow our pride so that our relationships can be restored.

March 8, 2020

"No Time to Fool Around" | Matthew 5:27-30

Our culture tells us that its okay to look as long as we don't touch. But, the disciple of Jesus knows that looking will lead to touching. So, the disciple maintains the attitude that our relationship with Jesus is the most important thing—too important to fool around with.

March 15, 2020

"Keep Being an Old Softy" | Matthew 5:31-32 (Compare Matthew 19:1-12)

Marriage represents our most intimate relationships: relationships with God and with each other. So, our attitudes towards marriage mirror these other relationships. The attitude Jesus disciples must have is not to treat those relationships lightly by casting them away. Instead, we need to want to protect each other.

March 22, 2020

"Don't Sell Me" | Matthew 5:33-37

We live in a world of words designed to influence us according to different agendas. It's tempting to use our own Christian words to do the same. But, to do so would be to do violence to others. Our attitude needs to be nonviolence—we will speak simply, trusting God.

March 29,2020

"Go the Extra Mile" | Matthew 5:38-42

The world is convinced that it is good. It can be blind to its own selfishness. Christians are called to reveal the world to itself. One way we do this is by going the extra mile. Our attitude is that we will out live the world (in terms of goodness).

April 5, 2020

"Lovers in a Dangerous Time" | Matthew 5:43-48

Not for one second does Jesus suggest loving an enemy is easy. But, that doesn't change the fact that is exactly what he has called us to do. So, the disciple of Jesus needs to have the attitude that being like God (the cross) is more important than hating my hate for another.