

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

Message Series: Something Different

Message Title: You Have Heard It Was Said: A Different Way of Living

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AT A GLANCE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:32-35

Matthew 5:33-48

Numbers 30:2

Leviticus 24:17-20

Psalms 139:21

APPLICATION

- 1). Tell the Truth
- 2). No Hitting Below the Belt
- 3). Entrust Ourselves to God

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

Read Matthew 5:33-37.

An oath involves making a promise with others in God's presence. A vow is a promise that was made directly to God Himself. The pressure is on you to live up to your part, because God always lives up to His!

1 Why did Jesus have a different way of handling oaths and vows compared to the Pharisees and how was it different?

Read Matthew 5:38-48.

The way Jesus is calling us to live is NOT pacifism, it's an active choice.

2 Jesus has a lot to say (to us who are followers of Christ) about how to respond to those who wrong us or are our enemies. When you are wronged, what is your first response (retaliation, justice, vengeance)? How do you respond in your heart?

Partial truths are partial lies. Make your words count!

3 What helps you control your speech so that you do not say things you will later regret? (Refer to Matthew 5:37)

4 Luke 23:32-35 shows how Jesus responded to betrayal, rejection, and pain. Share an experience of when you took the "high road" and followed Jesus's example.

PAUSE, PONDER, PRAY

Read Psalm 139:23. Are there places in life where you are seeking retaliation? Are there relationships where love and prayer seem to be the last thing you want to do for someone? Bring those to the Lord, acknowledging that we need His help!