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STUDENT STUDY GUIDE - WEEK 4

MATTHEW 5:38-48

Follow along with today's sermon! Use this as an outline for notes, and take time to reflect on the passage throughout the week.

Radical love transcends justice. **Matthew 5:38-39** "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth'. But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also."

1. The old way was _____, but God introduces undeserved _____.
2. Examples of Undeserved Generosity:
 - a. Turn the other _____ Matthew 5:39
 - b. Go the extra _____ Matthew 5:41
 - c. Give generously to those in _____ Matthew 5:42

Additional Notes: _____

Reflect: Can you think of a time when someone showed you grace instead of justice? How did it impact you?

Reflect: What would "turning the other cheek" look like in your life? _____

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Radical love transcends tribalism. **Matthew 5:43-44** "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy'. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,"

1. Tribalism is the behavior and attitudes that stem from strong loyalty to one's own tribe or social group. I always look out for my own people, but I am not so nice toward everybody else.

2. Jesus introduces Indiscriminate Love, and says it is:

a. _____: indiscriminate love stands out because it is unusual Matthew 5:46

b. _____: indiscriminate love is modeled by God in creation Matthew 5:45

Additional Notes: _____

Reflect: How can you demonstrate love that goes beyond what is expected or deserved? _____

Reflect: Who are the "enemies" or difficult people in your life? How can you show them love?

