



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

November 3 | Matthew 5:33-37

- 1) Read Matthew 5:33-37... While we might not swear by Jerusalem, sometimes we use other phrases such as "To be honest..." when we want to communicate that we really mean it. What other phrases do we use in our world today when we are trying to demonstrate that our promise should be trusted or taken seriously?

Based on what Jesus said in Matthew 5:33-37, what do you think Jesus would say about those phrases?

- 2) Read Numbers 30:2 and Deuteronomy 23:21-23... These verses are talking about making a promise to God. How does God want us to view any oaths/promises that we make to Him?

Why do you think God gives us the permission/allowance in Deuteronomy 23:22?

- 3) In Matthew 5:36, what point is Jesus making about our ability to make our hair turn white or black? (And no, Jesus isn't talking about hair dye!)

- 4) How would you summarize Matthew 5:37 in your own words?

While Jesus starts by speaking about vows/promises we make, what larger implication has Jesus given us for everything we say?

- 5) Is there any promise you've made that you need to follow through on?
Who do you need to speak to more plainly and clearly?
Who do you need to apologize to for being intentionally deceptive or vague?