



“But I tell you”
Small Group Questions
Week of May 10, 2026

Icebreaker:

Share an item you have on your “bucket list” that you hope to do or accomplish in the next several years.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Matthew 5:21-26 and answer the following questions:

What is the Old Testament command that is being referenced?

How does Jesus reshape the way we understand the intended meaning and application of this Old Testament command?

What do you find challenging in this teaching of Jesus? Confusing? Exciting?

What is the kingdom ideal or the way of living that Jesus is ultimately guiding his readers toward? (i.e. what is the thing we are supposed to *do* and not just the thing we are supposed to *avoid*? For example, we avoid murder or anger but how does God want us to act toward others?)

What might we learn about God’s character from this passage of Scripture?

2. Read each of the following passages one at a time and go through the questions above for each passage: 5:27-30; 5:31-32; 5:33-37.

3. Share how you might pursue proper inward motivation and not simply external actions this week (Doing the right things for the right reasons!). Share how you might support one another in this effort.