

## **Study Guide on Matthew 5:13-26**

**New Revised Standard Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.  
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

### **Matthew 5:13-26**

**(Matthew 5:13)** “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

**(Matthew 5:14)** “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

**(Matthew 5:15)** No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

**(Matthew 5:16)** In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

**(Matthew 5:17)** “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

**(Matthew 5:18)** For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

**(Matthew 5:19)** Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**(Matthew 5:20)** For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

**(Matthew 5:21)** “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’

**(Matthew 5:22)** But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire.

**(Matthew 5:23)** So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you,

(Matthew 5:24) leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

(Matthew 5:25) Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.

(Matthew 5:26) Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

**Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:**

**Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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