

Matthew 5:21-32

International Bible Lesson Study Guide

New American Standard Bible

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 5:21) “You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’

(Matthew 5:22) “But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

(Matthew 5:23) “Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

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

(Matthew 5:25) “Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

(Matthew 5:26) “Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.

(Matthew 5:27) “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’;

(Matthew 5:28) but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

(Matthew 5:29) “If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

(Matthew 5:30) “If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

(Matthew 5:31) “It was said, ‘WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE’;

(Matthew 5:32) but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

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