

Matthew 5:21-32

International Bible Lesson Study Guide

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 5:21) “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.

(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 has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

(Matthew 5:29) If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

(Matthew 5:30) And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

(Matthew 5:31) “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’

(Matthew 5:32) But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to 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?