

Emerge Notes

1. Developing good character requires an understanding of true righteousness (Matthew 5:17-20).
2. Developing good character requires heart change (Matthew 5:21-47).

CSM Journey Group Questions

1. Read Matthew 5:17-20. What did Jesus mean when He said, “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (v. 20)? (Hint: consider what you know about the lifestyle and character of the scribes and Pharisees to help you answer this question.)
2. Break up into six groups and discuss each of the examples that Jesus gives in Matthew 5:21-47 to illustrate this new understanding of the Old Testament. Be prepared to summarize what Jesus taught when you come back together.
 - a. Anger (5:21-16)
 - b. Lust (5:27-30)

c. Divorce (5:31-32)

d. Oaths (5:33-37)

e. Retaliation (5:38-42)

f. Enemies (5:43-47)

3. What was Jesus' point in Matthew 5:48? How does that verse make you feel about God's standard? Why do you suppose He made that statement and what does it mean for our lives?



This year's High School Retreat will be February 26-28 at Look Up Lodge. Information and registration is online at exit137.org/studentministry!
Deadline to register is February 14!



Every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 pm. Juniors and Seniors meet at the Powell's home, 9th-10th grade girls meet at the Thompson's home, and everyone else meets at the Hub! Don't forget to sign up for the meal at exit137.org/studentministry!