



**Dig Deeper @Home – “The Way of the Kingdom”  
Complement to lesson on 9/22/24 – “Love Your Enemies”**

**ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. Would you rather the US move to only have Standard time year round or Daylight Savings time year round?
2. When have you ever made a promise and failed to follow through? Think of examples of when you done this to yourself, with God and with others?

**MEMORIZE – Matthew 6:9-10**

“This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

**READ –Matthew 5: 33-37**

**Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
  - a. What did the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read?
  - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
  - c. What in these verses is interesting? What is confusing?
  - d. What are the verses revealing about God? What are the verses saying about people?
  - e. In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Where is Jesus quoting from in verse 33? Take time and look up the verse reading the verses around it as well.
  - a. How does this impact hearing Jesus say, “You’ve heard it said but I say to you?”
  - b. Why do you think Jesus felt the need to address this particular issue?
  - c. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through these verses?
3. Why does Jesus say that anything more than a yes or no comes from evil or the evil one? How might this connect to the heart posture behind our responses?

## **EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Say What You Mean**

This is a simple and straightforward application in response to the words of our King. This week, “let what you say be simply ‘yes’ or ‘no’” (Matthew 5:37). This week, refuse to use vague words or phrases such as “maybe,” “we’ll see,” or any other type of vague, non-committal response. Also avoid over promising or guaranteeing with pinky promises and such, simply to allow people to hear what they want to hear. As the week goes on, consider how you are doing. Is this causing you discomfort? Are you feeling more free? How do you need the Holy Spirit to continue to help you grow in following Jesus in this way?

### **SING**

Create In Me a Clean Heart - <https://youtu.be/6MIAuyyhKcQ?si=mp96qW2BnvrWq5Z5>

Living Hope - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f2FXxDVO6w>

All Hail King Jesus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYPeWYx4qI>

Listen and consider – King Jesus - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJrHleG0-k4>

### **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us. In the Spirit of Matthew 6:10, pray also that God’s “kingdom come, (His) will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

#### **Sending prayer based on the message:**

Heavenly Father, may your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Holy Spirit, help me to live this out this week in simple obedience to the word of Jesus, letting my yes be yes and no be no.