



week of 5/6/18

“The Simple Truth”

DIG IT OUT! Matthew 5:33-37

1. What does Jesus mean when he says in 5:20, “unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven?”
2. What is Jesus trying to accomplish with his six examples in 5:21-48?
3. Jesus’ fourth example is about oaths in verses 33-37. What were the Pharisees teaching about oaths and what was wrong with it?

How does Jesus clarify in order to get back to a proper understanding of God’s expectations?

THINK IT THRU

4. Why is it so hard to tell the truth all the time? What are some of the pitfalls we get into?
5. Give a couple of everyday examples in which just keeping it to a simple “Yes” or “No” would be helpful.

MAKE IT WORK!

6. What are some of the ways people justify telling a lie or half-truth? How should we avoid these?
7. In a world of deception and negation of truth, how can we teach our kids the importance of the simple truth?