



going deeper

small group discussion guide

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sermon synopsis

We've started a new series called "Fences" where we are taking an in-depth look at Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5 in which he repetitively uses the phrases "You've heard it said... but I say..." The goal is to be people who follow Jesus' heart but also understand the need to honor God's authority.

01

What religious "rules" or rituals have you grown up with or come across where you associate them with spiritual living but are not sure you fully grasp the meaning or reason behind? EXAMPLE: Praying over meals. Why exactly do we do this? Should we? What other examples can you cite?

02

Do you have any circumstances in your life where you have allowed anger or conflict with someone else to go un-resolved? What are you doing with Jesus' direct command that doing so is dangerous to your own eternal security? What do you need to do to get that situation cleaned up?

03

(This Week) Where have you been a little deceptive in your language? Perhaps you were intentionally vague to avoid being held to account for something? Or maybe you told something "that's not what I meant" even though you originally did... but you wanted a way out of an obligation? How do you need to be better at making your "yes be yes" and your "no be no?"