



IMMANUEL CHURCH

The City

A Place Without Evens

Getting to Know You:

- What's the story behind the time you went the longest without sleep?
- Who has been a spiritual hero in your life?

Sermon Discussion:

- How do you feel about fairness? Is it something you value highly? Why does it (or why does it not) matter to you much?
- Do you see fairness as equality, effectivity, equity, or some combination of them all? How do you navigate a relationship with someone who might feel differently from you?
- Read **Matthew 5:38-42**. Does Jesus seem worried about fairness? What would you say His primary concern is here? What does He want His followers to focus on?
- Jesus tells us to ***not resist an evil person***. What does that mean? How is that different from *don't retaliate against an evil person*?
- You could argue that Jesus' example of a slap is someone taking another's *dignity*, the coat another's *decency*, and the extra mile someone taking on another's *drudgery*. Have you ever been in a situation like any of these? How did you respond? How would it have looked different if you'd navigated the situation like Jesus lays out here?

Application Questions:

- The bottom line is: **WE DON'T EVEN THE SCORE, WE GIVE THEM MORE**. What relationships in your life have you been waiting for the score to be settled in? According to this idea, what's your next step regardless? What could you do this week to live this principle out?
- Grab a piece of paper. Draw a line down the middle of the page. On the top of the left column, write "They owe me." On the right, "I love them." List all the things you've been holding onto that you feel people owe you. Think deeper than money—think about the people who've wronged/hurt you. Then with each of the items on the left list something on the right side that list something you could do to love them more and not worry about the score.