Family Discipleship Resource

March 10-16 (Matthew 5:38-42)



G – <u>Gather for Prayer</u>

Father,

Help me to remember that every good and perfect gift is from you. Give me a generous and humble spirit that reflects our Son.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Matthew 5:38-42)

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you."

O – Observe what God has said

Why do people feel entitled to? What might I feel entitled to?

How does Jesus encourage his followers to behave when they are wronged? What makes this difficult?

W - Work on Application

In this passage we learn that as followers of our King, we should not feel the need to answer every insult no matter how unprecedented it may be. Second, we learn that we are not entitled to our things and should give generously. Third, we learn that we are not entitled to our time and energy. All these things ultimately do not belong to us, they are gifts from God!

Which of these things is most difficult for you to give generously?

How might we practice generosity this week before those who may not deserve it?

<u>Family Weekly Memory Verse:</u> "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men"-Philippians 2:5ff