

LIGHTHOUSE GROUP

Secured by God

Matthew 5:38–42

Main Idea

Kingdom citizens are freed from self-protection because their security is found in the Father.

Scripture Reading

Read Matthew 5:38–42 together.

Optional supporting verses for reflection:

Romans 12:17

1 Peter 2:23

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus quotes “an eye for an eye.” What was its original purpose, and how had it been misused?
2. Why does “do not resist the one who is evil” sound unreasonable to us?
3. In the example of turning the other cheek, what is Jesus addressing beneath the surface?
4. When Jesus speaks about giving the cloak as well, what is He exposing about our hearts?
5. What does going the second mile reveal about our attitude toward inconvenience or loss of freedom?
6. Verse 42 challenges transactional generosity. Why do we calculate before giving?

7. The deeper issue underneath all four examples is this: Where is your security found?
How would you answer that honestly?
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Carry It Forward

What's one thing God impressed on you tonight that you want to carry into this week?

What specific situation this week might test that?

Prayer Focus

- Confess areas of defensiveness or retaliation.
- Ask God to help you loosen your grip on security.
- Thank Christ for entrusting Himself to the Father.
- Pray for courage to respond with self-giving love.