

Sermon on the Mount Chapter 4: The Power of Transforming Love Matthew 5:38–48

- 1. Transforming Love Seeks Justice, v. 38
 - a. Jesus is not denying the need for justice
 - b. Jesus' point is about personal vengeance, not societal justice
- 2. Transforming Love Takes the Offensive, Overcoming Evil with Good, vv. 39-42

3. Transforming Love Seeks the Best for Others, vv. 43-47

4. Transforming Love Reveals God's Love for the World, vv. 45, 48





Study/Discussion Questions

- 1. What is our natural tendency when others hurt or attack us? What are some examples of this from society or from media (movies, etc.)?
- 2. What does Jesus say you should do when someone slaps you on one cheek? When they seek to take away your possessions? Does this seem unreasonable?
- 3. In what way does the command, "an eye for an eye," actually demand justice instead of vengeance? In what way is the government God's agent for justice?
- 4. What does it mean that transforming love takes the offensive? What are some ways we might overcome evil with good?
- 5. Is biblical love a feeling or an action? Why is this important with reference to the command to love your enemies?
- 6. In what way did God demonstrate his love for his enemies?

