

W.W.J. WHAT WOULD JESUS *u*WDO?

Undo Retribution with Reconciliation

*In the New Year, we often think of the things we will *do*, in this series, we will explore what we will undo. Through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus would undo some of the prevailing mindsets, behaviors and interactions that keeps u separated from Him and Others.*

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Circle Time: Tell the group about a time that you got revenge...
 - How did it feel to get even?
 - Did that feeling last or did it change over time?
 - If you could go back would you change any of your actions or leave them the same?
- Read Matthew 5:38-48
 - If someone does something to you what do you instantly desire? An equal response? Or do you want to do more to them than they have done to you?
 - Dave taught us about *Lex Talionis*... the Law of Retribution. It was widely accepted and kept people's responses to an offence equal to the offense itself. Eye for and eye and tooth for a tooth.
 - Jesus teaches us to go above and beyond in our response to a wrong done to us, but not in retaliation. In the examples that He uses, how is Jesus is teaching us to respond when we've been wronged?
 - Why do you think Jesus commands us to respond to wrongdoings this way? What does it accomplish?
- Have you ever heard the cliché, "Kill 'em with kindness"? What does this mean to you?
 - There's another "Christian" cliché... "For some people the only scripture they ever read is by watching how you live your life." How does responding to wrongdoings the Jesus is teaching us to teach people about who Jesus is?
- Read Luke 22:47-53
 - Jesus is about to endure the greatest pain of his life at the hands of the centurions and servants... Was Peter right to defend Jesus the way he did?
 - We don't know anything else about the servant whose ear was cut off, but how might Jesus' act towards him have affected him moving forward?
 - How do you think it affected Peter?
- How does this instruct you on how to pattern your life as an ambassador of Jesus Christ?