

## RETALIATION

### Matthew 5:38-42

1. It was held as acceptable to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Jesus tells us to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. You can't do this \_\_\_\_\_.

## Review & Study: RETALIATION

### A. Review **Matthew 7:24**

*Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (ESV)*

### B. Answer the following questions about **Matthew 5:38-42**.

1. Where is Jesus when he speaks these words and who is his audience? What has he taught so far in this sermon?
2. What does Jesus say that his audience had heard? Where did they hear this? How did this conflict with what the Old Testament Law actually taught?
3. In contrast to what they had heard, what does Jesus say that his disciples are to do (vs. 39 a.)? What is the first example that Jesus gives for how to do this, according to the end of verse 39? What did a slap in the face mean for the culture of the time? What might be an equivalent injustice today?
4. What example does Jesus give us in verse 40? How is this unique from his first example? What is significant about these articles of clothing? What might be an equivalent injustice and response for us in our culture?
5. What example does Jesus give us in verse 41? Who would force people to take such action when Jesus was on earth? How is this unique from his first examples? How might this relate to us in our society today?
6. Why do you think that Jesus holds this instruction as so important for his followers? How is it possible for us to do as Jesus instructs us here?

### C. Answer the following questions about **Deuteronomy 19:18-21**.

1. What action was called for here and who was to do it?
2. What is the stated purpose of this directive?

### D. Answer the following questions about **Ephesians 4:30**.

1. What are we not to do? What does this mean?
2. What does this verse say that the Holy Spirit has done for us?

### E. Answer the following questions about **2 Timothy 1:14**.

1. By what power is Timothy instructed to guard the good deposit entrusted to Him?
2. How does this relate to Jesus' teaching on retaliation?

### E. Application

1. How will you go and do as Jesus says in Matthew 5:38-42?