

YOUR WORD

Matthew 5:33-37

1. It was acceptable to affirm ones word _____.

2. Jesus tells his disciples _____.

3. Jesus says to _____.

What to do:

Review & Study: YOUR WORD

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 5:33-37**.

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?
3. In contrast to what they had heard, what does Jesus say (v. 34-36)? How is this different from what they had heard? How is this different from what the world says today? How do you know if someone is telling the truth or putting a “spin” on the truth? Why do people put a “spin” on the truth?
4. According to verse 37, what does Jesus say that his disciples should do when they give their word? What does he say that anything more than this is? Why is this so? Why is this so important for us to do?

C. Answer the following questions about **Exodus 20:16**.

1. In what foundational teaching is the instruction of this verse found? Why is this commandment so important for those who follow God?
2. What do you think that God meant by what he wrote in this commandment? Is a half truth ever acceptable to God?

D. Answer the following questions about **James 5:12**.

1. Who is James addressing and how important is this instruction for them (note the first three words? What does James say to not do? What are we to do instead? Why do you think that this is so much better?
2. What will doing as this verse says, keep us from falling under? How is this so?

E. Application

1. What are the situations in which you are most tempted to put a spin on the truth? Why is this? How can you be more encouraged to let your “yes” be “yes” and your “no” be “no?”
2. How might a lack of complete truthfulness by our people, affect our church’s testimony to the Gospel, to the world?