



# DIGGING DEEPER

## The Good Person

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to [fopc.org/sermon](http://fopc.org/sermon) or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

**PRAY** [Have someone open in prayer.]

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that stood out to you this week in our series or text? How are you incorporating what you are learning into your daily life or routine?
2. In your opinion, what is the best description of someone that is considered a “good person”? How is it that the *Sermon on the Mount* is challenging us to be better people or live better lives?
3. Why do you think Jesus focuses on teaching people in the Kingdom to live “good lives”? How does how you live affect how you follow Jesus or lead others to him?
4. Jesus gave a very different standard of “goodness” — he addressed: anger, frustration, contempt, lust, and infidelity, how we care for our spouses, convincing or coercing others, revenge against or harming others, and how we are to handle our enemies. How were you most challenged or encouraged because of this teaching?
5. Becoming a “good” person in God’s kingdom is about learning to rethink how you are living and making it more in line with how Jesus taught us to live. How can you change the way you interact with your spouse, children, family, friends, coworkers, or fellow church attenders to better follow how Jesus teaches us to live in the *Sermon on the Mount*?

**PRAY** [Close your group in a time of prayer!]

### KEY SCRIPTURE [Matthew 5:21-48]

<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.

<sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

<sup>31</sup> “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup> But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup> “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ <sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.

<sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven.