

Feb 12/23 – Small Group Questions

Read Matthew 5:33-37

1. What was the hypocrisy and the dangers of the rabbinic tradition that had developed around oath-taking that Jesus denounced?
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2. Jesus repudiates the rabbinic tradition and teaches His followers to not swear at all. What did Jesus mean by this? Are Christians permitted to take oaths or not?
3. Let our yes be yes. How can we as a community of Christians help one another to press into our affirmations, commitments, vows, and promises? For example, in marriage vows (not only for the couple but for the people who witnessed those vows), or in our baptism vows as a church, or in our pacts and maintenance of friendships.
4. Let our no be no. How can we as a community of Christians help one another to press into our denunciations, our stance against evil, immorality, and injustice, our setting and respecting clear boundaries of one another?