

## Small Group Questions | October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Kingdom Values: Kingdom Relationships (Matthew 5:38-48)

**Sermon Recap:** Travis spoke on Kingdom Relationships and Jesus' exhortation to: *reject retaliation, rethink rights, give generously, and do what love requires* in our relationships. He echoed Jesus' refrain, "You have heard it said" **Be Right**, "but I say" **Be Reconciled**. For *his* Kingdom is manifest in our world when *his* people live loving relationships.

**Hook:** *These questions can help encourage conversation.*

1. What advice have you heard about conflict?
2. What are some of your most important relationships in your life?

**Look:** *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

3. What advice does scripture give us for relationships? Also read Proverbs 26:20, Exodus 14:14, and Romans 2:1-5. What advice do these passages yield?
4. How have we distorted Jesus' commands on loving our enemies?
5. Also read Romans 15:3. How did Jesus exhibit the behaviors he talked about in the SOM?

**Took:** *Applying the message to our lives.*

6. What does it look like for you to move from a 'be right' mentality to a 'be reconciled' mentality (seeing enemies as brothers and sisters)?
7. What are some practical ways to take logs off the fire and/or create space for God to work?
8. Have you ever had to do what love requires even when it was painful?

**Prayer/Verse:** Spend a few minutes praying specifically for reconciliation and stuck relationships for group members.