



RADiation *Worksheet*

Reflection | Application | Discussion

Week of October 6

The world encourages gloating and griping that sets us against people; Jesus gives us gratitude and grieving that bring us closer to God.

DISCUSSION & PRAYER ([PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7](#))

What has God done that you are thankful for this week?

What challenge are you facing?

SCRIPTURE

[Matthew 5:38-48](#)

(Read this passage on your own and aloud as a group.)

REFLECTION

1. How are the instructions from Jesus in the passage above a contrast to much of what we see in politics today?
2. Living according to the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) would be radical Christianity. What keeps us from being more radical in following Jesus?

APPLICATION

1. Some Christians are hearing the words of Jesus (like “turn the other cheek”) on Sunday mornings and saying, “That doesn’t work anymore. That’s weak.” How do you respond to that?
2. In the Beatitudes ([Matthew 5:3-12](#)), Jesus describes being blessed (“oh the joy!”) in the midst of unhappy circumstances. How is blessedness (joy) different from happiness?
3. Imagine a person living by Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. How might they think and act on November 6 after their favored candidate won the presidential election? How might they think and act if their favored candidate lost?

NOTE: It’s the third week of Small Groups. Check out the [Service Project Worksheet](#) to get some ideas about how to organize your project and engage a variety of your group’s [spiritual gifts](#). Contact rachael@newdaywi.com if you need additional ideas and support.