

Questions for MOB Study on Matthew 5:21-30

- What is the overall “tone” of God’s words to Moses in Leviticus 19:15-18 concerning how God’s people were to treat their “neighbors,” and how does this compare or contrast with Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount?
- What are the implications of Jesus’ “You have heard...but I say...” statements in the Sermon on the Mount, beginning with Matthew 5:21?
- Why might Jesus say that calling someone “Raca!” or “you fool!” Or “You’re good for nothing!” is serious enough to be cast into Hell—and do you personally think that would be enough? Why?
- What was (and is) Jesus’ attitude and thinking about taking a “brother” to court—and how might that apply to Christians today?
- What would you say is the most important point Jesus is making concerning the handling of a “grievance” with a brother, according to Matthew 5:21-26?
- Why is the “marriage bond” so important to God, going back to the beginning account in Genesis?
- Where did the idea of “adultery” first show up in the Old Testament as a “sin issue;” who was involved, why is that so significant, and how was it dealt with? (Hint: Go to Genesis 20!)
- Where else in Genesis did this issue specifically come up in the Old Testament; how was it dealt with there, and with what lesson(s) for us?
- What was the Old Testament stated penalty for adultery, and in what sense is it still condemning and consequential in our day, for believers and unbelievers alike?

- **What do you say about a man in the Old Testament (David) who was “blatantly” involved in both murder and adultery, and yet received God’s gracious pardon (even called “a man after God’s heart)? What does it say about God?**
- **How did Jesus further define what adultery is really all about in His Sermon on the Mount--and in what sense is it condemning and have grave consequences, for both believers and unbelievers?**
- **How do you best understand Jesus’ way for us to deal with both the sins of anger and “lust of the eye”?**
- **How might this affect your way of dealing with these issues in your life?**