

Be careful how you speak – Matthew 5:33-37
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Introduction

- In what way does Jesus want us to be different from the world?
- What is the Sermon on the Mount all about?
- What is Jesus doing in the verses we are looking at the moment?

Matthew 5:33-37

- Give an example of an Old Testament verse which lies behind v33.
- What had the Jews done with oath-taking?
- Why, according to Jesus in v34-36, is it foolish to try to wriggle out of keeping vows, whatever might have been invoked in the oath?
- What does Jesus say we should do instead in v37?
- Why does anything more than this come from the devil?
- What is the key lesson of Jesus' words?
- Do Jesus' words mean that we should not swear oaths in a court of law? Why or why not?

The importance of truth

- What does Hebrews 6:17-18 teach about God the Father?
- What does John 14:6 teach about God the Son?
- What does John 14:16-17a teach about God the Holy Spirit?
- What does this show?

- What does John 8:44 teach about the devil?
- What does this show?
- What does Jesus require from his people?
- What is the first way in which we might not be committed to the truth?
- Why do we lie?
- What does Ephesians 4:25 say about why lying is so out of place in the church?
- What is the second way in which we might not be committed to the truth?
- Why is slander so bad?
- What does slander do to churches?
- What is the third way in which we might not be committed to the truth?
- What is the fourth way in which we might not be committed to the truth?
- What is the fifth way in which we might not be committed to the truth?
- Why do we sometimes break our word?
- What happens when we break our word?
- What do you need to do if you are not properly committed to the truth?

Conclusion

- What do you need to do if you are not a Christian?