



WEEK 19: MORALITY DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What is legalism?
2. Talk about your experience with legalism. Why do people tend to prefer legalism?
3. Why does it seem easier “to do” (legalism/actions) than “to be” (righteousness/good person)? And why does Jesus call us to go beyond the “to do”?
4. Why are motives more important than actions to become a good person?
5. Is there a positive place for a to do list in our faith?
6. Can non-Christians be moral people? If yes, where do they get their morality? What makes the morality of a Christian different?
7. Who would you consider a “saint”? What makes a “good person” a good person?
8. Review the six illustrations in Matthew 5:21-48. Which one challenges you the most?
9. Talk about a time you chose to love an enemy. What change did it create?
10. Which of the six illustrations in Matthew 5 is an area you feel convicted to deepen your moral motives?
11. How does your heart lead your morality?

ACTION STEP

Write a note to yourself identifying your nearest enemy—whom you need to love as Jesus does. Write one way you can love them more. Explain to the group what your plan is.