

# Westwood Life Groups - *A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow*

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a \* meet at the Westwood building):

5:30pm, Mondays-Terry Boyd  
5:00pm, Saturdays- David Womack  
\*11:45, Sundays – David Britton  
\*11:45, Sundays – Joseph Stotts  
\* 1:00, Sundays – Bob Deason  
7:00, Wednesdays – Teens

1:00, Sundays-Glenn Mitchell  
1:30, Sundays- Tim Deason  
5:00, Sundays – Kirk Mullican  
5:00, Sunday- Neil Helton  
6:00, Sundays-Terry Connor  
\*6:00, Sundays – Jeff McKinley  
6:00, Sundays – Josh Chandler

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

## ***Not Up for Debate, #1 Unwelcome Expectations***

Introduction:

- For the next couple of weeks we are going to look at a series of lessons entitled, “***Not Up for Debate***”. We will discuss practical areas of Christianity that everyone, across the vast spectrum of Christianity, believes we should do (without debate), but so often we leave undone.
- There is no doubt from the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus wants us to live a happy and blessed life. In fact, He repeats “blessed” eight times to begin the sermon.
- But here is the key from the sermon...one we will repeat each week but also one we all need to remember! It’s found at the conclusion of the sermon (**Matthew 7:24-27**).

### ***I. “Turn the Other \_\_\_\_\_”***

- Matthew 5:39.
- The great principle He was teaching is this: Don’t try to get even; don’t seek revenge!
- Luke 22:64; Matt. 11:19; Luke 7:34; Isaiah 53:7; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Hebrews 10:30-31; 2 Kings 6:8-23.

### ***II. “Pray for Your \_\_\_\_\_”***

- Matthew 5:44
- Notice what Jesus is requiring here:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ our **enemies**.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ those who **curse** us.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to those who **hate** us.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ for those who **persecute** us.

***Close...***

- The key in all of this is to remember that Jesus wants our hearts to be different from the world.
- We are to have “kingdom hearts”. Hearts that reflect the fact that we are citizens of a better kingdom ruled by King Jesus!  
Matthew 7:24-27.

Westwood Church of Christ  
Sunday Morning  
April 15, 2018

***Life Group Questions***  
***For the Week of April 15, 2018***

1. Although all debates are not equal, what can be the unfavorable outcome of some debates? Why?
2. Why should there be no debating the passages we studied in this lesson from The Sermon on the Mount? Matthew 7:24-27.
3. How did Jesus practice the principle of "*turning the other cheek*"? Give Bible examples. (Luke 22:64; Matthew 11:19; Luke 7:34; Isaiah 53:7; 1 Peter 2:21-25)
4. How impactful is the story of Elisha in 2 Kings 6? What does this say about God's eternal view of this principle?
5. What four things does Matthew 5:44 call on us to do? What does this involve?
6. How difficult has it been in your Christian walk to practice Matthew 5:44?
7. Based on the word of God and this message, what is God's ultimate goal for us in how we should conduct ourselves each day?