



Reflection from Fr. Mike

As we reflect this weekend on the Scriptures, we listen to Jesus words from the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew depicts Jesus ascending a mountain to interpret Jewish laws. The Pharisees want to argue with him about the details of the laws. Jesus, in each instance, challenges the disciples to look into their own hearts and see where they harbor anger, injustice or hatred. Jesus tells them, Yes, the law says this, but what is in your heart?

That's the basic question in our hearts today. What motivates us every day? Are we aware of the goodness and faithfulness of God's Love in our own lives?

How do I see my neighbor? Do I see the goodness of God within them and let that motivation drive how I treat people?

In this reinterpretation of laws, Jesus calls on his followers to lead good lives. The Gospel requires us to carefully evaluate and glean the elements that are most helpful for fostering positive relationships with one another and with God.

Blessings, Fr. Mike

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