

## **How Good is Good Enough? - Matthew 5:33-48**

**Perfectly mad?**

**v 48: A perfect kingdom marked by...**

**1. Perfect honesty (v33-37)**

**2. Perfect self-forgetfulness (v38-42)**

**3. Perfect love (v43-47)**

### **For further discussion**

- Do you think a follower of Jesus can ever be rightly described as “over the top” about the way they follow him?
- Taking Jesus’ conclusion in v48 first, what kind of perfection is Jesus talking about? Is this perfection achievable? Why bother trying?
- v33-37: How do we try and wriggle out of promises we have made? Are there ever occasions in life when it is wrong to tell the truth? Why/why not?
- v38-42: What is the principle behind these verses? Where in your life is this most challenging? How would you help someone who feels like they always let other people treat them like a “doormat” but also feels guilty that they don’t take these verses seriously enough?
- v43-47: How had the religious leaders distorted the original OT law? Who are our enemies today, and what does it mean to love them? When would you find this hardest to do?