**Jesus Said Hard Things**

**How do you hear them?**

**What are some negative things about our current mode of communicating? (text messaging, social media, etc.)**

**Consider the following verses and discuss with those at your table, answer the following questions together.**

Matthew 5:20

**What does he mean unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees?**

Matthew 5:21-26

**What is Jesus’ point here?**

**Is he suggesting its now harder to please God?**

Matthew 5:27-30

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**Explain vs 29-30**

Matthew 5:38-41

**What is Jesus’ point here?**

**Is he suggesting its now harder to please God?**

Matthew 5:43-48

**What is Jesus’ point here?**

**Is he suggesting its now harder to please God?**

Matthew 7:13-14

**What is Jesus’ point here?**

**Is he suggesting its now harder to please God?**

Luke 14:25-34

**What is Jesus’ point here?**

**Is he suggesting its now harder to please God?**

**How do you reconcile these hard sayings of Jesus with verses like these?**

**Ro 3:23–24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.**

**Ro 5:20–21 20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Ro 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,**

**Eph 2:8–10 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**