Lesson 6: Standing Up to Injustice
Sermon Date: November 11
Text: Matthew 5:38-42

1. Read Matthew 5:38-42. Do you encounter situations each day that relate to this passage?

2. "Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth." What did/does this mean in terms of legal dealings between people? Does it/should it apply in our courts today?

3. What is Jesus telling us to do when he says "do not resist an evil person"?

4. Verses 39, 40 and 41 describe the actions of evil people. We also see Jesus suggest what we should do in response to each evil action described. Looking at each scenario, what is your reaction to each? What do you suppose is the purpose of acting this way: for you and for the one who opposes you?

5. How is verse 42 different from the previous verses? How is it the same?

6. The lesson is called 'Standing Up to Injustice'. Based on the passage, do you see what Jesus calls us to do as an act of 'standing up'? Explain.

7. How are you challenged as a result of studying this passage?