

## The Key to Happiness: Listening to the Teacher!

In each of the following Scripture passages, Jesus takes up an older ethical standard and “re-creates” it according to a new standard of love—the standard of his Passion and death on a Cross. We call this love *agape*, the highest ethical standard and form of self-giving love. Read each passage with your group and then describe the established standard and compare it with the new standard of love.

Scripture Passage	The “old” standard	The new standard: <i>agape</i>
Matthew 5:21–24		
Matthew 5:27–30		
Matthew 5:38–42		
Matthew 5:43–48		
Mark 12:28–31		



Luke 10:29–37		
John 8:1–11		
John 13:34–35		

What new insights into Jesus the Teacher do you have after reviewing these Scripture passages? Use specific evidence from the Scripture passages to support your view.

