

**Sermon Discussion Questions, April 10, 2011**  
*Sermon on the Mount Series-Week Eight*  
**The Goal of Christian Discipleship, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine**  
*Matthew 5: 48*

**THE GOAL – Jesus commands comprehensive spiritual maturity.**

- 1. How would you respond if your spouse or employer told you to do something perfectly? What emotions might surface?**
- 2. What comes to mind when you hear the word “perfect?” Describe Jesus command in Matthew 5:48. What do you think Jesus mean by this command? What does He not mean?**

**MOTIVATION #1 – We are motivated by the exalted position of God the Father, coupled with the notion of being counter-cultural.**

- 3. What comes to mind when you hear God referred to as “Heavenly Father?” Think practically about each word.**
- 4. What shapes our vision of God? What skews our vision of God? From what must we fast in order to have a fresh glimpse of our Heavenly Father? Be specific.**

**MOTIVATION #2 – We are motivated by the implicit promise of Scripture. Leviticus 11:44; 19:2, 20:7; 1 Peter 1:15-16**

- 5. Read Leviticus 19:2 and 1 Peter 1:16. What is the commandment in these verses? How does God expect us to obey these commands?**
- 6. Based on this sermon, what is God’s goal for every area of our lives? Are you burdened by this lesson or encouraged? Why? What steps will you take this week in order to meet God’s goal for your life?**

