

Chapter 11

- 1) Is it difficult for you to think of Jesus as being “tough”? Why?

Do you think a “tough” Jesus is offensive in Western culture?

Are you offended by what Jesus’ says, especially by what is quoted in this chapter?

- 2) How were Jesus’ tough words received by those in his day?

Do you think they will have a different reception in ours?

- 3) Is there a correlation between the depravity of this world and the severity of Jesus’ speech? Explain.

- 4) What truths did Jesus use tough words to communicate? List examples.

Why would such tough language be appropriate, considering the subject?

- 5) What must be the condition of a person for them to *not* be offended by Jesus’ tough words?

To what extent does that describe you?