

Discussion Questions

Anger

Matthew 5:20-26

- 1 What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
- 2 In what ways are you tempted to see the Law and forget God's heart behind it? Have you ever tried to find a loophole around a command from scripture?
- 3 What kind of good desires do you think God had in mind when he told his people not to commit murder?
- 4 Jesus seems to put name-calling and contempt towards others on the same level as murder. Why do you think he does this? What does this say about how God sees sin?
- 5 Are you tempted to view public, outward sin as more serious than private, inward sin? How do you generally express anger? Outward or inward?
- 6 Jesus says that nothing should get in the way of reconciling with others, even spiritual things like church. How would you say dealing with our anger relates to the idea of worship?
- 7 Do you ever try and justify your anger because you feel wronged or hurt? In what situations does Jesus call us to forgive?
- 8 Is there anger that you have been holding on to and you don't know how to let go of it? How would experiencing the forgiveness of God for your own mistakes help with this?

The SERMON on the MOUNT

Life in the Kingdom

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"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still with him on the way, or he may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

SERMON NOTES

- 1 Jesus' "You have heard that it was said..." statements teach us why the _____ of the Pharisees _____.
- 2 With God, there is a heart behind every rule, a _____ that involves the good of those to whom the rule applies.
- 3 Sin begins in our _____ and _____, not in our actions.
- 4 Just because your anger is _____ does not make it any less _____.
- 5 It doesn't matter if our anger is _____ or not, we are always called to _____.
- 6 We can forgive because we are the _____.
