

Loving In Tough Situations
Matthew 5:21-26 and Micah 6:8
For the week of February 25, 2024

Reflection

1. What were some of the takeaways, for you, from Sunday's sermon?

2. Were there questions, comments, or concerns...?

Matthew 5:21-26

3. Are these verses good suggestions from Jesus or commands from Christ? Why?

Observation (vs. 21-22)

4. What is Jesus saying here?

Interpretation

5. Compare these verses to 1 John 3:11-18. How are these words like those of Jesus?

6. How do these verses speak of thoughts, attitudes, and actions?

Application

7. Read Ephesians 4:26. When does anger become a sin?

8. Is there someone in your life where there is anger (resentment)?

9. How does God direct you in your attitude and speech in a relationship with an EGR (Extra Grace Required) individual?

Observation (vs 23-24)

10. What is Jesus referring to in these verses?

Interpretation

11. How does anger in a relationship impact worship?

12. From these verses, how important is reconciliation and why?

Application

13. From these verses, are we to wait for the other person to initiate reconciliation? Why or why not?

Observation (vs. 25-26)

14. What is the meaning of Jesus' words?

Interpretation

15. Why does Jesus use the analogy of a court of law in these verses?

16. Why are believers to reconcile with an opponent/accuser?

17. What are the consequences of not reconciling?

Application

18. Jesus uses the word “quickly”. Why are we not to procrastinate in reconciliation?

Micah 6:8

**⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? ¹**

19. What does this verse mean?

20. Compare this verse to Deut 10:12.

21. How do we apply this verse to our daily lives and relationships?

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Mic 6:8.