

Sermon

ON THE MOUNT

Discussion Guide — Murder - Be Reconciled

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Chris taught us from Jesus' section typically labelled as murder or anger. In this message, we learned that our unchecked anger, leads us to a sin that is just as destroying as murder. When we allow sin to grow into us dehumanizing and cursing other people, we end up in a cursed place. The real issue is one of the heart, where all evil thoughts originate. We must learn to heal our hearts from all anger. Jesus taught us the goal in the life, when we have differences is to be reconciled.

Make It Practical

- Settle your differences quickly
- First go privately, then take one or two with you, and then bring it to the church leadership

“So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.”

Matthew 5:23-24

Talk About It

1. Why is unchecked anger bad for your heart? Have you ever let something grow into bitterness or unforgiveness?
2. What are some practical repercussions for those who refuse to be reconciled?
3. Out of the 3 levels of anger Jesus talked about in Matthew 5:22, which one do you struggle with the most?
4. Have you held a grudge, but then reconciled that relationship? How did the relationship turn out?
5. Why does Jesus instruct us to quickly reconcile our relationships? Why does He give us this instruction of how in Matthew 18?

“You have heard that our ancestors were told,...But I say...”

-Jesus

Prayer

Jesus, we have so many broken relationships in our life, but you are the ultimate Reconciler. We pray that you would teach us to restore and reconcile them. Show us where we are holding onto any anger in our hearts. Heal us from any unforgiveness inside of us. In Your name, Amen.

Scriptures Used

Matthew 5:21-26, Matthew 15:16-20, Matthew 18:15-17, Romans 13:1-7

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