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#1 Summary

In today's sermon, we explored the concept of 'Righteous Indignation' as part of our Anger Management series. The sermon emphasized that while built-up anger can be destructive, there is a form of anger that is good and necessary—anger against sin, evil, and unjust circumstances. This righteous anger is exemplified by Jesus when He drove out the money changers from the temple. The sermon called for the congregation to wake up to the injustices around them and to act as the 'fire' that God sends to fight against evil plans and persons. It concluded with a reminder that God is still in control, no matter the circumstances we face.

#2 Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with open hearts and minds, ready to receive what You have for us today. We ask that You guide our discussion and help us to understand the importance of righteous anger. May we be moved to act against injustice and be the light in a world that needs Your love and justice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#3 Ice Breaker

What is one thing that made you smile this week?

#4 Key Verses

1. Psalm 97:10
2. Luke 18:1-8
3. John 2:13-16

#5 Questions

1. What stood out to you the most in today's sermon?
2. How do you differentiate between righteous anger and destructive anger?
3. Can you share a time when you felt righteous anger? How did you respond?

4. Why do you think it's important for Christians to experience and act on righteous anger?
5. What are some current events or issues that stir up righteous anger in you?
6. How can we, as a church, act as the 'fire' that God sends to fight against evil?
7. What steps can you take this week to address an injustice you feel passionate about?
8. How does knowing that God is still in control help you deal with feelings of anger and frustration?

#6 Life Application

This week, identify one issue of injustice that stirs up righteous anger in you. Take a concrete step to address it—whether it's through prayer, volunteering, or raising awareness. Share your experience with the group next week.

#7 Key Takeaways

1. Righteous anger is anger against sin, evil, and unjust circumstances.
2. Jesus exemplified righteous anger when He drove out the money changers from the temple.
3. We are called to be the 'fire' that God sends to fight against evil plans and persons.
4. God is still in control, no matter the circumstances we face.
5. Acting on righteous anger can lead to positive change and justice.

#8 Ending Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You for this time of discussion and reflection. Help us to channel our anger into righteous actions that align with Your will. Give us the courage to stand up against injustice and to be the fire that brings about change. As we go forth this week, may we be ever mindful of Your presence and Your control over all things. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.