

Discussion Guide

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Message: *When Anger Kills* (series: *Sermon On the Mount*)

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PRIMARY PASSAGE: Matthew 5:20-26 (NIV)

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.

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- The original command (verse 21)
- The new code (verse 22)
- The scene at church (verses 23,24)
- The situation at court (verses 25,26)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How is murder different from killing in the Bible?
2. According to the text, does anger just lead to murder?
3. Joe talked about "righteous anger". Give some examples and explain what it is.
4. Describe the kind of anger Jesus is talking about in the Sermon on the Mount.
5. Share about a time you were sinfully angry.
6. According to Jesus, how urgent is it that you settle your anger with another person?
7. Even though you have unrighteous anger inside, can you think of an example of a time when you would NOT want to go to the other person for forgiveness or to discuss your anger?

PRAYER

God, please give me ears to hear what You would be saying to me about my anger. Make clear to me what I need to do about it. Give me the courage to obey You. Amen

