



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 4/30/23

Opener (10 minutes or less)

Do you have any mentors or people you look up to? Tell us about one of them.

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:21-30

Questions:

1. What stands out to you from this chapter and/or Sunday's teaching? What was challenging, or encouraging?
 2. How does Jesus feel about anger with a brother and insults against them? What are we to do instead?
 3. How are we to look upon our brothers and sisters? Why is it better to be missing an eye and/or your dominant hand than looking with lust?
 4. How is this righteousness different than what the Scribes and Pharisees taught?
 5. How do we see these teachings of Jesus embodied in the beatitudes?
 6. How do we see these teachings create a people who are indeed the "salt of the earth" and "light of the world?"
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PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

Anger

21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ **22** But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother^[c] will be liable to judgment; whoever insults^[d] his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell^[e] of fire. **23** So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, **24** leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. **25** Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. **26** Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.^[f]

Lust

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ **28** But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **29** If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. **30** And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.