

Matthew 5:21-26 (9/15/2024)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Matthew 5:21-26

1. How does Jesus illuminate that one does not escape the weight of the law by merely refraining from murder (see also 1 John 3:15)?

2. Name ways in which anger is dangerous and destructive? Can you recall a Biblical story where anger led to murder (Hint Genesis 4:3-8)? Have you experienced the damaging impact of being angry that helps you grasp a deeper meaning to Jesus's warning?

3. In Hebrew categories calling someone a fool is a moral judgement. It represents a destructive attack on one's character and identity. Note the seriousness of this according to Jesus. Read Ephesians 4:29 and discuss the practical applications considering Matthew 5:22.

4. From Matthew 5:23-25 share how our relationship with other people impacts our relationship with God?

5. Discuss steps one would take to promote reconciliation with another person?
As a result of this study, are you prompted to reconsider your thinking about someone and pursue a healing relationship?