Home Group Discussion Questions
TBC SERMON SERIES: Learning From Jesus
Message #4: Anger Kills, Jesus Gives Life
Matthew 5:21-26
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MY STORY:

1) How quick are you to reconcile when there is conflict with people in your life, whether close family and friends or just casual acquaintances?

2) What is the difference between *murder* and *killing*? Are either ever justified? Elaborate.

QUICK REVIEW:

This week we continue with our series Learning From Jesus, a look at the Sermon on the Mount. This is probably the most famous teaching section by Jesus found in Scripture, providing his disciples a contrasting framework for viewing their lives with each other and God than was popularly held. Was there anything from this week's sermon that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? How would you summarize the main ideas of this week's message?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Read Matthew 5:21-22.

1) In your perception of the world, what is the relationship between *anger* and *murder*?

2) Why would Jesus equate the punishment for being angry with the same punishment as for murder?

3) How easily do you become angry? What kinds of things make you angry?

4) Why would Jesus also link voicing insults and showing contempt with anger?

Read Matthew 5:23-24.

5) In this context, why might someone have something against you? What are some concrete examples of how anger or contempt for someone might lead to them having something against you?

6) What is a sign in the text that God views reconciliation as hugely important? Why do you think it is so important?

7) Have you ever had to seek forgiveness for harm to a relationship your anger (frustration/contempt/dislike) caused? What happened?

Read Matthew 5:25-26
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8) How would you summarize Jesus' point here?

TAKING IT HOME:

1) Are there people currently that have things against you? How can you pursue reconciliation this week?

Prayer Requests:

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