

Mending Broken People

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2. We Are to Work Toward Reconciliation with Our Brother

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3. We Are to Work Toward Reconciliation with an Enemy

Matthew 5:25–26

Application

Life Group Questions

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Opener: What's the best advice someone has given you on how to deal with anger?

Read Matthew 5:21–26

1. What new standard of right and wrong is Jesus creating in this passage?
2. Explain in your own words how Jesus links anger with murder.
3. Unresolved anger will destroy relationships. Have you ever witnessed this? What happened?
4. Resolved anger can lead to the reconciliation of relationships. Have you ever witnessed this? What happened?
5. The standard Jesus sets in this passage is beyond all of us. We are all guilty of this to one degree or another and in desperate need of the forgiveness that can only be found in Jesus. Read Matthew 5: 3–12. How does obedience to the Beatitudes prepare your heart for reconciliation?
6. What are some practical steps one can take to resolve anger and seek reconciliation with a brother or sister in Christ?
7. What about reconciling with a non-believer? Would the steps be any different? If yes, how so?
8. Is there someone you need to reconcile with? What is your plan to do that this week?

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:23–24 ESV

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

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