

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS



REVIEW: Read Matthew 5:17-30 **Was there anything from Sunday's message from this text that you had questions about, challenge you or would like to comment on?**

1. Read Matthew 5:20 What do you think the Pharisees felt the moment they heard Jesus say this about them? And what do you think was going through the minds of the people who thought the Pharisees were the only ones good enough to go to heaven?

2. Okay here we go. Read Matthew 5:21-22 **Jesus is now explaining what 'you shall not commit murder'** means in broader terms. Good for nothing (raca) is the idea of empty headed, idiot and imbecile. Fool is the idea of Moron. It meant you were calling them a stupid liar or cheater. In your opinion why is Jesus so hard on this type of angry language to the point of comparing it to physical murder? To answer this one thoroughly, you might have to think of a time someone called you something ugly and how it affected you.

***How can someone tell if I'm angry?**

***When was the last time I was really angry and what made me angry?**

***Did I respond inappropriately? If so, how?**

3. What do these verses teach us about anger?

Proverbs 14:29	Proverbs 29:22
Galatians 5:20-21	Psalms 139:23-24

4. Notice in Matthew 5:22 **Jesus includes the phrase, "with his brother."** Ever notice that our anger flares up most often with those we know the best and love the most? We tend to have less patience with our loved ones. Yet it seems Jesus primary concern is how we treat our spouse, siblings, children, and fellow believers. So are we having trouble loving someone close to us this season of our lives and what can we (Not they) do to change that?

GOING DEEPER

1. Read Matthew 5:27-28. Obviously this is talking about sexual lust. Now read Mark 6:14-29

How many results can you count as a result of this man's sexual lust over his step daughter dancing?

2. Lastly, three recap questions: First: How much does sexual sin really cost? Second: How powerful a force is an uncontrolled sex drive? Third: How do you think social media plays into this?

TAKING IT HOME: What from Sunday or tonight do you need to put into practice to walk as a disciple of Jesus?

PRAYER REQUESTS: