

Questions for Matthew 5:21-26, Sermon on the Mount Series, 23/11/2014

I suggest you read this article by Andrew Olsen at some time:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/7742644/Theology4Blog/Anger%20Article%20AJO%20USA.pdf>

1. Read Matthew 5:21-26 together. Do not feel pressure to answer all these questions.
2. What impacts you out of this passage? Out of David's sermon?
3. The Jewish leaders had many interpretations and traditions of the law which created burdens for people. Share of any traditions or interpretations of the Word that have been burdensome to you in your Christian experience.
4. How have you experienced the reality of Jesus bringing life and freedom from the law?
5. Anger is murder. What are your thoughts on this statement?
6. Share of a time when you felt destroyed, killed, hurt etc by a person's anger.
7. David shared several 'raca' moments in his family this week. Have there been any 'Raca' moments in your world recently? Any thoughts on the reasons behind you (and others) doing this? Share as you wish with the group.
8. What specifically can help you to speak life into other people? Reflect on your relationships. Who really needs some words of life? Action?
9. Share about times where you have seen evidence of righteous anger (where there is great concern for others being harmed) today.
10. Reflect. Are there any people you have something against or you know have something against you? What is God asking you to do here? What makes it difficult to obey God in this? What will help you to obey God? Share with the group as you wish.

Remember we do not want you or others to be in 'a prison' or feeling 'under judgement'. Jesus wants you to live freely and lightly.

11. Share about times in your life when you have experienced the reality of God when you have been unjustly treated or 'murdered'.
12. Enjoy a time of praying for each other and others in your world who need a touch of Jesus life.