

The Reality and Replacement of Anger
Matthew 5:21-26
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Growth Group Questions

1. How would you define *anger*?
2. What things consistently tempt you to be sinfully angry?
Why?
3. Why does Jesus equate sinful anger with murder?
4. What does Jesus tell us to do in place of sinful anger?
What do we learn from this?

5. What are some practical and biblical steps we can take to help us fight the temptation of sinful anger?

Next Week: Matt. 5:27-30

Titus 3:3-7

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

1 John 3:14-20

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.