

Sermon-based Growth Group Questions
“Sermon on the Mount: A Heart of Reconciliation”
Matthew 5:21-26
January 28, 2024

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or challenging?

1. What is the danger in just focusing on actions?
 - a. Is it bad to do the right thing for the wrong reason? Why, or why not?
2. At the heart of murder is devaluing a life. Why is that a problem even if you don't act on it?
 - a. If you find it necessary to bring others down, what does it say about the state of your heart?
 - b. How do we change that?
3. Why does insulting someone put you in danger of hell?
4. Why should you reconcile with those you have wronged before you try to worship God?
 - a. What are you saying to God if you try to commune with Him while still harming other people?
5. According to verses 25 and 26, if you owe someone, why should you deal with it as soon as possible?
6. How are murder, reconciling with those you have wronged, and paying debts related to each other?
7. How does Jesus's explanation of "Thou shalt not murder" relate to "fulfilling the law"?
8. What do we do about our murderous hearts?