

Thornbury Baptist Church
Matthew Teaching Series

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Talk title: Getting it Wrong: Making it Right

Passage: Matthew 5:2-26

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Discussion Questions

1) Jesus calls his followers to a 'greater righteousness' (Matthew 5:20) - one where what's in our hearts (the inside) matches our behaviour (the outside). How does this higher standard of righteousness enable us to 'let our light shine before others' (Matthew 5:16)? What about when no one else is watching: is it still important?

2) In his book 'Enjoying Jesus', Tim Chester has two questions to help us consider whether our anger is 'good anger' or 'bad anger': (1) are we responding to the right things, and (2) are we responding in the right way? Do you find this a helpful diagnostic tool?

How easy is it to discern whether our anger is righteous and rooted in love, or selfish and harmful? And if we cannot necessarily stop ourselves from feeling emotions, how are we to deal with 'bad anger' when it arises in us?

3) Jesus talks about our words reflecting the state of our hearts. How do you think the way we speak to and about others reveals the state of our hearts? Read James 3:7-10. How do James' warnings about the tongue relate to our passage today?

4) Jesus calls for reconciliation and forgiveness in relationships, even before offering worship. How can we apply this principle in our personal relationships?

How do you think holding onto grudges or harbouring anger - or even knowing that you have sinned against another - affects our spiritual wellbeing and our ability to worship authentically?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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