



Small Discipleship Groups
Sermon Guide Questions
30 OCTOBER 2022



Conversation starter to begin:

Can you think of a time you sought to “get even” with someone or vice versa? If so, what happened?

What tends to trigger your anger personally?

Next:

Read **Matthew 5:38-42** aloud. Before you begin, pray and ask God to illuminate you, to show you where he has been at work and present in the previous days, and through others; ask Him to illuminate the Scripture to you. Pause in your prayer, listen, and pursue His leading.

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1. So, what is Jesus teaching here?
2. What can we learn from this passage about how people sometimes mis-apply the Scripture?
3. What is the new standard or idea Jesus is giving people here?
4. Should Christians have been pacifists in WWII when Nazi Germany was committing heinous acts all over Europe?
5. Considering your own cultural background, how are these words from Jesus most convicting?
6. Is there a concrete example of when you had discerned whether to “take a stand” or to “turn the other cheek?” What happened? If you are facing such a reality now, how do Jesus’ words inform what you are going to do about it?
7. Pray as it flows from your discussion. How might God be inviting your group to respond and make an application?

