YOU DON'T HAVE TO KILL SOMEONE | MATTHEW 5:21-26

Study Questions

Before answering these questions, take some time to read the passage from the sermon together or on your own.

What did this sermon tell us about God?

What did this sermon tell us about us as people?

What did you hear in this sermon that applied the most to your own life?

Jesus teaches that we can violate the heart of the command against murder through our anger, words, and attitudes toward others. Think about how you respond when someone frustrates, disappoints, or disagrees with you. What do your words, thoughts, and reactions reveal about how you view that person? Where might Jesus be challenging you to change?

Every person has dignity and worth because they are made in God's image, yet we often act as though we get to determine another person's value. Who do you find it most difficult to treat with dignity—someone who inconveniences you, disagrees with you, or has genuinely hurt you? What would it look like to recognize their God-given worth without necessarily approving of their actions?

Jesus calls us to take the initiative in reconciliation when we have wronged someone, just as God took the initiative to reconcile us to himself through Jesus. Is there a relationship in your life where you need to acknowledge wrongdoing, offer a sincere apology, or take a step toward peace? What is keeping you from doing so, and how might remembering what Jesus has done for you help you take that step?