## Matthew 5:21-26 (ESV)

## Anger

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

1. Can you think of a passage in scripture that would prove whether or not it is always a sin to be angry?

2. How does this passage relate to Jesus' call for a righteousness that surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 5:20?

3. Jesus broadens the expectation of kingdom living from murder to anger. If murder was Jesus' standard, how much would you feel your need for a savior? But if anger is the standard, how does this change your need for a savior?





4. How does Jesus make the connection between anger and sinful speech? How has your anger resulted in sinful speech?

5. How do our outward actions and reactions reveal the health of our hearts?

6. How do Jesus' actions in the Gospel exemplify the type of reconciliation we should pursue?

7. Are there people you need to reconcile with? What steps can you take this week to do so?



