

MARINERS CHURCH

Getting People I Don't Like Out of My Life

March 6-7, 2020
Matthew 5:21-26

If Jesus isn't messing up my life, I'm not doing Jesus right.

"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." –Jesus, Matthew 5:20 (NIV)

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I say that if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the supreme court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell." –Jesus, Matthew 5:22 (NLT)

Why does God care?

God has huge love for people He created.

Genesis 9:6, Psalm 139:13-17

Anger

"But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment." –Jesus, Matthew 5:22a

It is killing relationship.

Calling someone an idiot

"If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court." –Jesus, Matthew 5:22

It is killing their value.

Calling someone a fool

"But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell." –Jesus, Matthew 5:22 (NIV)

It's killing what people think of them.



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How do I get rid of this?

Go Back to the 'beginning'.

Matthew 5:3-9 (NIV)

Make it right.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." –Jesus, Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

-I can't cover a relationship sin with a religious act.

Love Deeper.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8 (NIV)

For your LifeGroup and Accountability Time

LifeGroup Purpose Track Opener: Share with your group obstacles you have to being more comfortable in sharing your faith.

Talk about a person that drives you nuts (no names!). What is it about them that frustrates or irritates?

Why does God love them and why did God make them this way?

Read Matthew 5:21-26 and talk about what Jesus is saying. What principles of life and relationship do you see here?

How does Jesus' words tie in with relationship concepts like "boundaries" and finding "safe space" from people?

How will you let the group hold you accountable for a 'new' way of treating the person you mentioned above?

This month we focus on the 'purpose' of our lives: Evangelism. How will Jesus' words help us with this?