



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

October 27 | Matthew 5:21-30

- 1) Read Matthew 5:21-30 as if you are reading it for the first time.  
What do you like about these verses?

What is concerning to you?

What do these verses teach us about God?

- 2) For the next several weeks we will see Jesus teach by beginning with the phrase “You have heard it said...” as He expounds on God’s laws and helps us see that God is after more than just our correct external actions. Based on Matthew 5:21-30, how do you think God values internal thoughts and feelings compared to external actions? More important, less important, the same?

- 3) Read Mark 3:1-5... In Matthew 5:22 Jesus tells us not to be angry with someone, but in Mark 3:1-5 we see Jesus described as being angry. What differences do you see between the situation described in Matthew 5:22 and the situation in Mark 3:1-5?

How could this help us when we are angry?

- 4) Is there anyone you that you need to reconcile with, either because of your anger towards them or because you know they hold something against you?

- 5) Read Hebrews 12:1 and Matthew 5:29-30... Jesus is giving extreme examples about what may be necessary to fight against sin and temptation in our lives. What is a radical next step you can take to fight against the sin that “slows us down” and “easily trips us up” in our pursuit of living like citizens of the kingdom of heaven?