

God's Way is Peace-loving

Proverbs 15:1-2, 18 James 1:19-20 Matthew 5:9, 21-24

1. Can you think of a time when someone seemed to over-react to something you said or did without really knowing why you said or did it?

Can you think of a time when the words or behavior of someone pushed a button in you, you became angry and you spoke or acted out in anger?

2. Sometimes when we become _____ we speak and act in ways that do not lead to what we want most in relationships.

3. Discover God's way for experiencing what you want _____ in your relationships.

4. Focusing verse for series: **The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then _____, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.** James 3:13

5. God's way is _____ = _____
How central to the mission of God is making peace?

6. God, the Son (who is Jesus) taught that making peace is familial to God.

- **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called _____**
_____ . Matthew 5:9

Who is doing the calling here and what does it teach us?

- **You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'**

Matthew 5:21

- **But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be _____ to judgment.** Matthew 5:22a

How can we make sense of this _____ teaching?

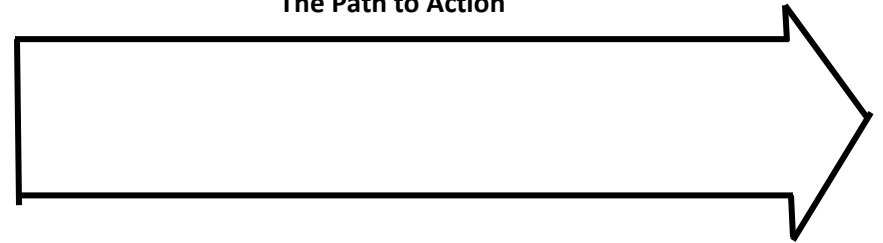
- **Anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell (Gehenna).** Mathew 5:22b

- **Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.** Matt.5:23-24

What does this teach?

7. **Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.** James 1:19-20

The Path to Action



- To experience what you want most in relationships do not feed your anger, stay in dialogue and understand the pain of the other person by mastering your stories that triggered your anger.

8. Next Step: