

April 24, 2016 “Deeper Than Murder”

Matthew 5:21-26

“Truth and Reconciliation”

1. Going Deeper

“Practice what you preach”

“You shall not murder...But I tell you that anyone who is **angry** with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment” (vs 21-22).

“Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the Lord. Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart...Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord” (Leviticus 19:16-18).

Q & A 105 (The Heidelberg Catechism)

Q. What is God’s will for you in the sixth commandment?

A. I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor—not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds—and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge...

2. Going Wider

- i. **Love each other:** Part of the 2nd table (commands 5-10) of the 10 Commandments
- ii. **Reconciliation:** the common theme
 - 1. Vs 21-22: Get rid of anger that leads to conflict
 - 2. Verse 24: “First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift”
 - 3. Verse 25: “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court.”

- Pictures of reconciliation in the Bible...
- Kingdom people want to be reconciled.
- Indications that we are reconciled...

3. How Do We Do This? (Lori Fieber)

The Table Of The King (communion)

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross” (Colossians 1:19-20).

1. A place of God and human reconciliation

“For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!” (Romans 5:10).

“In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you” (Luke 22:20).

2. A place of human and human reconciliation

“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf” (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).