

7. Read **Matthew 5:9**.

Why do you think those who seek peace are happy or blessed?

Why doesn't God bless those who are violent?

BRINGING IT HOME

What are some things you can do to be a peacemaker?

Do you need to get rid of anger that you are holding against someone?

LET THERE BE LIFE!

"You shall not murder."

Exodus 20:13

"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 tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment."

Matthew 5:21-22a

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of November 15, 2009

WARMING UP

1. What television show do you think is the most violent?
2. Why do you think people seem to be so fascinated with death and violence?
3. Come up with a definition of murder, then discuss it in your group. Does everyone agree with the definition?
4. Think about these scenarios: killing in a war, self-defense, abortion. Which of these fall into your definition of murder? Why?

INTO THE BIBLE

5. Read **Proverbs 1:10-19**.
In your own words, summarize what God is warning us about in this passage.

Share an experience when hanging out with “sinners” got you into trouble.

Studies show that many murders take place out of anger, drunkenness, and jealousy. Many murderers say they never intended to kill someone. Discuss how this verse helps explain how those situations happen?

6. Now read **Matthew 5:21-22**.
Why do you think Jesus compares anger to murder?

Why is uncontrolled anger such a dangerous thing?

Make a list of some of the ways people treat each other when they are angry.