



## get started

Did you ever have a moment (or two) when you feel you were losing your cool with someone? Hopefully you can laugh about it now, but what stirred up anger within you? How did you resolve the situation?

## reflect

How do you respond to the following statement: For a follower to be right with God he or she must be right with others. Do you agree or disagree? Give a reason for your answer.

## dig

1. Read Matthew 5:17-20. How did Jesus fulfill the Law and the Prophets? What was Jesus saying needed to yet be accomplished?
2. How would the standard Jesus described in verse 20 make people think about themselves?
3. Read Matthew 5:21-26. How is Jesus upping the stakes for those who follow him? What is he calling them to do in conflict situations?
4. Is anger ever justified? What are situations in which anger may be justified? What are situations when it is not?

## breakout

Are you in a tough relational spot with someone right now? How can God work through you to bring reconciliation? What steps do you need to take?

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