



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Antioch CELEBRATION Message: "To Tell the Truth" About Anger

Sermon Series: "To Tell the Truth: Talking Openly with God"

Dates: February 4-5, 2017

Suggested Conversation Starter (10 minutes)

Share your thoughts on Pastor John's statement:

Religion is about what people think God wants FROM us.

Jesus is about what God wants FOR us.

LEARN / live / love / lead (10 minutes)

Read Psalm 13 and 137, the "Payback Psalm."

Anger itself is not a sin, but what you DO with your anger can be. The Apostle Paul wrote:

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.
Ephesians 4:21–27 (NLT)

learn / LIVE / love / lead (15 minutes)

Pastor John said, "If you don't get truthful with God about your anger, you will never get rid of your anger because you will never have anywhere to take it."

- 1) Own your anger. Be honest!
- 2) Pray your anger. Tell God about it!
- 3) Surrender your anger. The Apostle Peter wrote:

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.
1 Peter 5:6-7 (NLT)

learn / live / LOVE / lead (15 minutes)

Read Mark 3:1-6.

Why was Jesus angry?

How did Jesus use His anger to fuel a positive result?

If anger is like steam, it can be uselessly vented for everyone to see or used to power a steam locomotive and move thousands of tons. How might you follow Jesus' example of using your anger to fuel a positive outcome in your life?

How did Jesus' critics respond when He used His anger to fuel a positive result?

learn / live / love / LEAD (15 minutes)

Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. Don't participate in the things these people do. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. **Ephesians 5:3-9 (NLT)**

Who will God's righteous anger fall on if they don't accept the only substitution (Jesus)?

If you are a Christian, you influence others. That makes you a leader. What is your responsibility to those who are:

...uninformed about God's will?

...living against God's will?

...actively resisting God's will?

Pray! (10 minutes)

Thank God for His compassion and forgiveness towards you. Ask Him to supply you with the peace needed to own, pray, and surrender your anger to Him!

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