

Modern Family

Modern Communication

3.4.12

Reminder

- **Easter is Coming in 5 weeks – April 8.** We are anticipating that many will gather with us on Easter to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. What will your group do to help get the word out to your neighbors? Spend a few moments talking about this together. **Leaders: Post on the City your ideas and plans. More info coming soon.**
- **Pray for our pastors – Chapman, Keen, Laney, Lowe, Milroy.** Pray for their homes and marriages. Pray for their hearts and walks with Jesus.
- **If your group currently attends 11, consider if they could attend the 9 am service.**

Remember

Talk with the group about meeting new people

- During our gatherings. Did you meet anyone this week? Did you invite them to your community group?
- During the course of your week: Did you speak of spiritual things with them? How can you follow up on that opportunity?

What has been the most important thing for you during this sermon series? Most difficult?

What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?

Deepen

All of our communication proceeds from our hearts. Why is this an important principle to understand?

Discuss the five vices from Colossians 3:8.

- Wrath - Settled indignation/Low roar of anger and hostility
- Anger - Tumultuous outburst/Having a short fuse
- Malice - Evil inclination of the heart / Perversity of disposition that bodes ill
- Slander - Blasphemy about God or man/Scornful and insolent language directed against a neighbor
- Obscene Talk - Abusive speech

Which of these do you find yourself dealing with most in your life?

When you get to the source of your anger (or any of these vices), what is the wood of the fire? What is going on in your heart that results in anger?

What are some common triggers that cause the fire of your anger to grow out of control?

How can we put to death/put away these things? What are the particular lies we need to reject and truths we need to believe to deal decisively with our anger?

Brian talked about “gunny-sacking” and “dump-trucking”. Which one are you prone to practice?

What are some specific ways in which you need to repent of these “old self” practices?

Transform

What are some ways in which these anger issues affect our communication in relationships?

Read Ephesians 4:25-32.

What are some instructions given about anger and communication in this passage?

Paul commands us to speak the truth in love. Why is this so hard?

Read Colossians 3:10

In this verse, we see that this is a progressive battle to put these things away and to put on the new self. What are some important parts of this battle?

How can our Community group encourage one another in this battle?