

SERMON GUIDE

ANGER AND BITTERNESS

Ephesians 4:25-32

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SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 5)

Ps. 86:15 (God's Character)

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Think of a time when you felt angry but didn't know how to handle it. What did you do, and how did it affect your relationships?

Read Ephesians 4:25-32

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What does Paul command about anger in verse 26? How does he distinguish between anger that is righteous and anger that leads to sin?
 - What kinds of situations can sometimes provoke ungodly anger in you?
- O** How does bitterness, anger, and malice contrast with kindness, compassion, and forgiveness in verses 31-32?
 - What kinds of things are you fearing, loving and worshipping when bitterness and anger begin to take hold in your heart?
- O** How is anger an opportunity to draw near to God? How is it an opportunity to recognize God drawing near to you? Can you think of an example?
 - What would a godly response to an angering situation look like?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** When you face situations that provoke anger, how will you respond in light of our study?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.