

Where's the Love

Small Group Questions: Part 3: Culture of Outrage

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Read

Ephesians 4:26–32; Proverbs 16:32; and Exodus 34:6

Reflect

We live in a culture of outrage. Worldwide injustice is broadcast to us every day. In Ephesians 4, Paul warns us not to make room for the enemy through anger that deconstructs and destroys relationships rather than building them up. How would you define “culture”? How would you define “righteous anger”?

Pastor Darrin Patrick offers us ways to define and respond to anger:

1. If other forms of anger are based on pain and retribution, what is righteous anger based on?
 - a. Would you say God is proud or grieved by your attitudes and behaviors regarding anger?
 - b. Review your social media comments and thoughts. What do they reflect?
2. People and circumstances are the primary sources of anger. What makes you angry, and why?
 - a. How are you choosing to react to your circumstances?
 - b. How are you choosing to react to people who have hurt you?
 - c. What *should* you be angry about?
3. Growing up, which of the following types of anger were you conditioned by?
 - a. Blow it out. Quick-tempered explosive anger.
 - b. Push it down. Grudge-inducing bitterness anger.
 - i. How have you witnessed anger never staying where we put it?
 - ii. When have you been angry at God?
 - iii. How has God loved you through your circumstances rather than by taking away the source of the problem? If he had removed the circumstances, do you think you would have realized how much you truly need God?
 - c. Pull it up. Source the root and remove it.
 - i. What anger do you need to pull up by the root right now?
 - ii. Describe a time when you gave your anger to God. What have been the results?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?