

Matthew 5 (Marriage & Divorce)
Matthew 5 (Anger)
Matthew 6 (Generosity)

Ice Breaker Idea: Are you planning to give something up for lent this year?

Questions:

Marriage & Divorce

1. On the event of a wedding day, there is a covenant made between a man and a woman. How does the world around us approach this promise? What does God intend in this covenant that is made?
2. Marriage is to reflect Jesus' love for the Church – an example and demonstration of the goodness of our God. How does this change your perspective on the purpose of marriage?

Anger

3. Anger is sometimes described as a secondary emotion (there is always an underlying emotion which leads to it). What are some of the things that may lead people to feel anger?
4. How do we balance the desire for justice and expressing love for our enemies? Peace and reconciliation may be the reward for withholding retaliation – is this worth it?

Generosity

5. What is it about generosity that is so powerful in molding and shaping our hearts and minds? What are some specific ways you can be generous in your community?
6. "We have been blessed so that we can bless others". How does this idea shift your perspective on giving and generosity? Have you ever had a similar experience to Pastor Justin when you were driven to be more generous?
7. How do we balance the idea that 'God doesn't need our money' with the reality that the local church does need funding to operate?
8. What are the challenges of keeping our generosity 'secret'? Is it okay to share with others how God has blessed us through faith-full tithing?

"Digging Deeper"

Read Romans 8:17; Ephesians 3: 20-21; 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20; Matthew 5: 16

1. To whom is glory to be given? Why does God deserve all glory and honor? What is our role in this process?