

**Anger: A Destructive Fire**  
**Matthew 5:21-22 (ESV)**

**Scriptural Questions**

- Where is this teaching located within: 1) the Sermon on the Mount and 2) the Gospel of Matthew? Why do you think it is placed where it is?
- Make a side-by-side list of the actions and its coordinating consequences. What do you notice?
- What is the current day (to the original audience) understanding of "the hell of fire"? vs. 22 What is Jesus trying to communicate?

**Reflection Questions:**

- Where else in Scripture is human anger mentioned? What does the Bible have to say about it for us today?
- How might understanding the end of vs. 22 affects how we treat one another?
- Are there unresolved conflicts with "a brother/sister" that you need to act on today?
- The Gospel reminds us that Christ came to save us from sin and death and in return, offer life and hope and joy. Human anger is born from a corrupt sense of judgment and authority. How might the people of God imagine a better way of Gospel-living, in light of this passage?