10-Minute Bible Lesson
Be Reconciled
Matthew 5:21-26

Before watching the video: What do you already know about the Sermon on the Mount? What teachings from it might you know already? What are you most curious about regarding these chapters?

Now read the passage twice. Take each one at a time, noticing every sentence and phrase. You may even want to start and stop the video to spend more time with each. What stands out to you?

> [21]"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' [22]But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. [23]So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, [24]leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. [25]Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. [26]Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. *– Matthew 5:21-26*

After watching the video: Think back to the previous lesson ("Excessive Righteousness") about what was said about the Pharisees and how what Jesus said served as the setup for this teaching. How does that help you understand what he means here?

What strikes you or makes you uncomfortable or challenges you about this passage? What are your first impressions of what Jesus says here about the relationship between thoughts and actions?

Who can you think of in your own life with whom you need to reconcile? Do you believe there's a real chance that such reconciliation could happen? Why or why not?

Conclude in prayer. Thank God for blessings, ask forgiveness for wrongs done, request help for uncertainty. Close with "amen."