

JESUS

GREATEST HITS

02/18/2024 “How to Deal with Difficult People”

1. What resonated with you most from Sunday’s message? Why?
2. For you, what types of personalities tend to be most difficult to deal with? Why?
3. How do you typically react or respond to difficult people? Do you engage, get enraged, or disengage?
4. Read Matthew 5:21-26. In what ways does Jesus communicate the seriousness of this teaching?
5. How does Jesus reinterpret the teaching people have heard (vs. 22)? How does Jesus connect this familiar teaching to something deeper?
6. Why do you think Jesus takes such a strong stance against anger, calling someone a fool (idiot, or *raca*) and cursing someone?
7. What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?
8. Read Colossians 3:8-15. What does Paul instruct us to do in these verses? What rationale or reasons does he give for living this way?
9. How do these verses relate to the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12? In what ways do these instructions help shape the people of God?
10. Which one(s) tend to be the most difficult for you?
11. What is the best advice you have been given on how to deal with anger? Or best advice on extending forgiveness?
12. What would you like to change about the way you deal with anger?
13. How do you feel God calling you to respond to this week’s message and discussion? What do you hope will be different because of this information?