**Reparations**

**Small Groups-4**

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| Read | Matthew 5:21-26 |
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| Discuss | * Why is saying ‘sorry’ sometimes not enough?
* Why is it a ‘slippery slope’ to speak of “others” in de-humanising language? i.e. not as fellow human beings, but as \_\_\_. When do you see examples of this today?
* If a *person* steals something, should they return/ replace/ repay it?
* If a *nation* of people steal something, should it/they return/ replace/ repay it?
* Should a nation pay reparations for past wrongs? Like Germany/ Japan after World War Two? Like Britain after Colonial slavery?
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| Go further | * v.21: How is murder taking/ denying someone’s humanity?
* v.22: Why does Jesus go further? Was He *replacing* the Law or *re-affirming* its true meaning? (What was always there from the beginning but become lost?)
* v.23-24: Why does how we live and relate affect how we worship? What difference does being part of the body of Christ make to our worship?
* v.25-26: If it needs more than an apology, how should you settle the matter? Why is this good for ‘them’? Good for you?
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| Reflect | * Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?
* Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?
* What do *you* need to put right? Return? Replace? Repay?
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| Do | * Watch the Sam Sharpe 2019 lecture: *Women in Sam Sharpe’s Army: Repression, Resistance, Reparation* <https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/564908/Sam_Sharpe_Lecture.aspx>
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| Pray | *Dear God,* *Thank you for Jesus. Because of Him, I \_\_\_. Show me how to live \_\_\_. Search my heart and reveal \_\_\_. Help me to be reconciled to \_\_\_. Show me what I need to do to put things right. God, forgive us as a nation for our \_\_\_. Teach us as a nation to \_\_\_, Amen.* |
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| ?My question: |  |

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