## **TIME4CHANGE**

## Reparations

## **Small Groups-4**

Read	Matthew 5:21-26
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Discuss	<ul> <li>Why is saying 'sorry' sometimes not enough?</li> <li>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?</li> <li>If a person steals something, should they return/ replace/ repay it?</li> <li>If a nation of people steal something, should it/they return/ replace/ repay it?</li> <li>Should a nation pay reparations for past wrongs? Like Germany/ Japan after World War Two? Like Britain after Colonial slavery?</li> </ul>
Go further	<ul> <li>v.21: How is murder taking/ denying someone's humanity?</li> <li>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?)</li> <li>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?</li> <li>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?</li> </ul>
Reflect	<ul> <li>□ Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?</li> <li>□ Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?</li> <li>□ What do you need to put right? Return? Replace? Repay?</li> </ul>
Do	□ Watch the Sam Sharpe 2019 lecture: Women in Sam Sharpe's  Army: Repression, Resistance, Reparation <a href="https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/564908/Sam_Sharpe_Lecture.aspx">https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/564908/Sam_Sharpe_Lecture.aspx</a>
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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