

Community Groups This Summer

Summer is coming. *Really!* And that's a time our Community Groups relax their regular meeting schedules but stay connected for friendship and fun. Life doesn't take vacation from June to August, and we still need the support and encouragement of Christian brothers and sisters!

- **Connections and CG Childcare**

Our last *Connections* study guide for this church year will be Sunday, May 15. We'll resume *Connections* on September 18. CG childcare will be offered through May 20, then take a break until the week of September 11. Please note these dates and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

- **Get it scheduled.**

Before your group meetings wind down for the summer, put some get-togethers on your calendars. We recommend that you calendar one group outing each summer month. Keep it simple and relaxed.

- **Share your ideas.**

Groups enjoy backyard BBQs, camping, movies, eating out, serving, shopping, softball, swimming, golf, ladies' or men's retreats—you name it! Share your ideas with other groups through the *All CG Leaders* group on My Community.

- **Invite others.**

Summer get-togethers give you great opportunities to invite others to get acquainted with your group in a less formal, non-threatening setting. Make it a point to invite others to your times of summer fun.

God gives us so many good gifts through our Michigan summers. Worship Him, walk with Him, and enjoy your summer!

Anger is often part of our kids' lives, too. Frustration over school work, a fight with a brother or sister, complaining about cleaning up their room—these are just a few ways that our children experience and express anger. As we go through this series, talk with your children about what God is teaching you and help them experience and express their anger in healthy and holy ways. Their whole lives will be better for it!

ANGER AND GOD *Anger series*

Red Hot or Cool Blue

Because God is love and holy and just, He is able to be angry at the right things in the right way at the right time for the right reasons in the right proportions. Pastor Dan

1. Think about times when you get angry. How do you feel physically, emotionally, spiritually—while you're angry and afterward? What do you (or are you tempted to) express?
2. Think about a time you were on the receiving end of someone else's anger. How did this angry person affect you and others around them?
3. Based on what you talked about in Questions 1 and 2, how would you *define* anger? What is anger and what causes us to get angry?

4. Read these verses about God's anger and note what makes His anger good.

- Numbers 11:1-10—
- Psalm 7:11—
- Mark 3:1-6—
- Matthew 21:10-13—

5. Classify each of these examples of human anger as **good** or **bad**. What made you classify them the way you did?

_____ *Samson* – Judges 14:19

_____ *Saul* — 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 20:27-33

_____ *Jonathan*—1 Samuel 20:27-34

_____ *Jonah* — Jonah 4:1-11

6. What is one question about anger you'd like to get answered in this sermon series?

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Psalm 103:8