



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

To Harm or Heal? || Pastor Brian Zahnd || April 3, 2022

1. How were conflicts handled in your home when you were a child?
2. How were you taught to handle negative emotions like anger, frustration, or disgust when you were growing up? How did you see this response to negative emotions modeled in your home?

Read Mark 3:1-6

3. Why would the Pharisees use this healing miracle to accuse Jesus?
4. What does Jesus' anger with the Pharisees reveal to us about the heart of God?
5. Why is it always safe to err on the side of mercy?
6. How does Jesus help us make sense of parts of the Bible where God seems violent or retributive?
7. What are the ramifications of a belief in a God who harms?

Read Luke 9:51-56

8. What kind of "spirit" were James and John speaking from in asking Jesus if they could command fire to fall from heaven to consume the Samaritans?
9. How is Jesus calling us to live in our angry world of vengeance and payback?
10. Take a moment to pray for one another.