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## PRAYER RESPONSE

1. God, we praise You for You are unfathomably patient.
2. God, thank You for giving us hope for healing relationships.
3. God, help us to have a gospel-centered response when we're hurt.
4. Group prayer requests. (Pray for previous meeting requests and list new ones below).



#4 — Anger and Murder  
Matthew 5:21-26

Pastor Shawn Peterson  
March 8, 2020

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What is murder?

- Anger
- Raca
- Moronos

What is the cure?

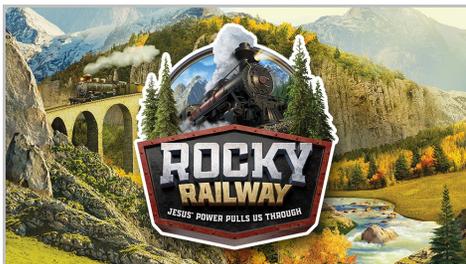
1. Admit it to yourself and Jesus

2. Correct it with others, immediately

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VBS will be **June 8 – 12**. Registration opens to the public in May but volunteers can sign up their kids now. Stop by the Lobby or visit our website!

Easter Services will be on **Sunday, April 12** at **7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.** For all the details, visit our website or the app.





# Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of March 8, 2020

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in the Word, growing in relationships, and encouraging one another to find enduring hope in Jesus.

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## CONNECT

1. What is your least favorite chore? Tell us about your attitude when asked to do that chore.
2. Other than following Jesus, what's one specific action you think would make the world a far better place if everyone would start/stop doing?

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## PRAY

Father, help us to realize the serious nature of our anger and be brave enough to take action in Your power.

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## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Reflect on this week's sermon. Was anything particularly impactful for you?
  - A. If anger in the heart actually killed people, what would be the world population?
2. Define "murder" according to **Matthew 5:21-26** in your own words.
  - A. What was the primary emotion behind your anger (disrespect, unloved, etc.)?
  - B. What core idol of the heart (comfort, control, power, approval) is revealed by your response?
  - C. Reflect on **Matthew 5:21-26** and write out a short confession.

- B. How many people do you think you've "murdered" in the past week?
  - C. If people applied to you the standard you apply to others, how often would you be "murdered" in a given week?
3. Think about who you've murdered in your thoughts and speech this past week. What was the circumstance that led to your anger?
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    - B. What core idol of the heart (comfort, control, power, approval) is revealed by your response?
    - C. Reflect on **Matthew 5:21-26** and write out a short confession.
  4. Read **Romans 15:1-7** which we talked about in the *Hope* study. What is the gospel response to someone when you're angry? Consider someone who spread lies about you, hurt you in some way, someone who is inconsiderate, disobedient children, etc.
    - A. How does this hope call you to action in those relationships?
    - B. How can your G2 support you in following through on admitting and correcting your anger?
  5. Describe a time when someone hurt you and the Holy Spirit led you to respond in a gospel-centric way.