

# THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (WEEK 6)

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – FEBRUARY 21, 2010  
PASTOR STEVE – MURDER & ANGER (MT. 5:21-26)

## connect

1. What is your name? What was your favorite game when you were a kid?
2. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Explain.

## study

1. Read Matthew 5:21-26. What is your initial reaction to Jesus' words? Why?
2. How do these words relate to the previous section (cf. 5:17-20) when Jesus says He came to "fulfill" the Law and that our "righteousness should exceed that of the Pharisees and scribes"?
3. Why does Jesus relate anger to murder? Why is it such a big issue for Jesus?
4. What is at stake according to Jesus when we don't deal with anger? How do verses 23-24 help solidify this?
5. According to other portions of Scripture that discuss anger, what other dangers do we face if we leave anger unresolved that Steve mentioned?
6. What example does Jesus give of *how* we should resolve relational conflict (cf. vv. 25-26)? What principles/steps can we take from this example for how *we* should deal with our relational conflicts (see message notes)?
7. Steve mentioned that there are rare situations that arise where relationships can't be resolved. What are they? What should we do in these situations? Read Romans 12:17-18 for a hint.
8. Do you view these verses as a "threat" or a "promise"? Do you believe relational wholeness and freedom is connected to how we deal with anger? If you know this is what Jesus wants for you, what is holding you back?

Optional: Steve described 5 ways people typically deal with anger. Be honest with the group: are you a “Volcano,” “Sniper,” “Houdini,” “Mime” or “Evil Mistletoe”? If you’re willing, share a recent example of how you’ve seen this in your life!

## pray

1. Realizing this can be a very sensitive subject, pray that no matter how we’ve dealt with relational conflict in the past, we will each one look to Christ to help us from here on out.
2. Prayer requests – how can you pray for each other this week?