



## **“Dumpster Fire”**

*Matthew 5:21-26 | 02.12.23*

### **Sermon Recap**

- Jesus is not denying that murder is bad, he is simply expanding their concept of violence to include our words and thoughts.
- Jesus uses traditional Jewish wisdom to paint a picture to convey that when we continue on a path of anger toward others, our lives eventually become a “dumpster fire.”
- The solution is not to engage in ritualistic acts of worship; rather, the solution is to do the difficult work of peace and reconciliation.
- It is possible that the reason we are not at peace with ourselves is because we are projecting our anger on others.
- Seeing the divine image in ourselves and the divine image in others will ultimately lead us into the kind of worship that God desires.

### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

1. What is one of your pet peeves?
2. What questions does this week’s message leave you with?
3. Have you ever recognized a pattern of anger in your life? How did you work through it?
4. How does Jesus’ instruction about leaving your offering to make peace with others shape your understanding of worship?
5. How have you witnessed God’s grace recently?
6. How can we pray for you?