

# KC RAW



## KC Raw 2018: Health Consequences of Your Zip Code June 3, 2018

### Before We Start

1. Health Community-KCStat: <https://kcstat.kcmo.org/stat/goals/kxt7-x84m/wmn2-5fai/itpy-2nyi>
2. Life Expectancy Statistics in Kansas City, Missouri: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dav44Kac5\\_M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dav44Kac5_M)
3. Is Health Determined by Genetic Code or Zip Code? Measuring the Health of Groups and Improving Population Health: <https://sph.unc.edu/files/2015/04/NCMJ-Article-ZipCode-GeneticCode.pdf>

### How does the Bible connect to this?

1. Luke 9:1-6

### Discussion Questions

1. In the Luke passage, the disciples go “throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.” What are the connections between “preaching the gospel” and “healing”? Why did the disciples go throughout the villages healing and not just preaching the gospel? What are the differences between ‘healing’ and ‘curing’?
2. What are some factors that first come to your mind that affect one’s overall health? What are some unusual factors that affect one’s overall health (ie-quality of sidewalks, personal transportation, public transportation, education, etc)? How do these factors affect someone’s health?
3. How does someone’s location of residence affect their health?
4. How is ‘health’ a theological issue? Why would a church care about differing health factors in a city? How can a church work alongside city leaders to improve the health of the city?
5. How does your personal theology intersect the conversation on health consequences of your zip code?
6. What is something you have learned today after hearing another person’s perspective?

### Investigate Further

1. Your Zip Code is One of the Strongest Indicators of When You’ll Die: <http://fortune.com/2017/05/08/us-life-expectancy-study/>

KC Raw 2018: Payday Lending  
June 10, 2018

Before We Start

1. Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rOVmUnUM7A>
2. Read: [http://www.cbf.net/images/Payday\\_Lending - A Christian ResponseJUNE2016.pdf](http://www.cbf.net/images/Payday_Lending_-_A_Christian_ResponseJUNE2016.pdf)
3. Payday Loan: short-term loan, generally \$500 or less, that is typically due on the next payday. On average, there is a \$15 fee for every \$100 borrowed.

How does the Bible connect to this?

1. Exodus 22:25-27
2. Luke 6:34-36

Discussion Questions

1. There are over 2,350 Bible verses dealing with money and possessions. As a comparison, there are 500 verses on prayer and less than 500 verses on faith. Why do you think that is? How does this connect with payday lending?
2. In the Exodus text, why would there be a law prohibiting collecting interest on a loan? Or why should one return at night the cloak that was held for a pledge? What is going on here?
3. How do payday loans work? What items do you need to qualify for a payday loan?
4. Why would someone take out a payday loan(s)? What are some alternatives you can think of that are available? What are some hinderances to these alternatives?
5. What are the reasons a local church would get involved in advocacy against payday loans? What are reasons a local church would not get involved in advocacy against payday loans? Where does the Kingdom of God fit into all of this?
6. How does your personal theology intersect with the conversation on payday lending?
7. What is something you have learned today after hearing another person's perspective?

Investigate Further

1. Broke USA: From Pawn Shops to Poverty, Inc. – How the Working Poor Became Big Business By Gary Rivlen, 2011, [http://www.amazon.com/Broke-USA-Pawnshops-PovertyBusiness/dp/0061733202/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1401995206&sr=8-1&keywords=broke+usa](http://www.amazon.com/Broke-USA-Pawnshops-PovertyBusiness/dp/0061733202/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1401995206&sr=8-1&keywords=broke+usa)
2. "Payday Lending In America: Who Borrows, Where They Borrow, and Why" [http://www.pewtrusts.org/~media/legacy/uploadedfiles/pcs\\_assets/2012/pewpaydaylendingreportpdf.pdf](http://www.pewtrusts.org/~media/legacy/uploadedfiles/pcs_assets/2012/pewpaydaylendingreportpdf.pdf)
3. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: Payday, Vehicle Title, and Certain High Installment Loans <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/policy-compliance/rulemaking/final-rules/payday-vehicle-title-and-certain-high-cost-installment-loans/>

Get Involved

1. Faith for Just Lending [www.lendjustly.com](http://www.lendjustly.com)
2. Center for Responsible Lending – Faith & Credit Project <http://www.responsiblelending.org/allies/faith-and-credit/>

## KC Raw 2018: Gun Violence

June 17, 2018

### Before We Start

1. Daily KC Homicide Analysis: <http://kcmo.gov/police/homicide-3/crime-stats/#.Wvx6YogvzIV>
2. America's Gun Culture in 10 Charts: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-41488081>
3. Bill of Rights: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/bill-of-rights-transcript>

### How does the Bible connect to this?

1. Isaiah 2:1-4
2. Matthew 26:47-56

### Discussion Questions

1. Compare the Matthew text with the following: Mark 14: 43-50, Luke 22:47-53, and John 18:1-11. What similarities and differences do you note in the portion of the story that deals with someone cutting off the ear of another individual? How does Jesus respond in each of the versions of the story? How does this fit or not fit in Jesus' overall themes and teachings?
2. What is the picture that is painted in the Isaiah text?
3. What Bible verses/stories/themes do you use to support your perspective of gun ownership and protection?
4. How does the Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights coincide, or not, with these biblical texts? Why is the right to own guns so important to Americans?
5. How does your personal theology intersect with the conversation on gun violence?
6. Why should the Church engage in conversation and advocacy on the issue of guns? Why should the Church not engage in conversations and advocacy?
7. What is something you have learned today after hearing another person's perspective?

### Investigate Further

1. Gun Violence in America: <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2012/12/looking-for-lessons-in-newtown/>
2. "The Connection Between Poverty, Inequality, and Firearm Violence": <https://luskin.ucla.edu/connection-poverty-inequality-firearm-violence/>
3. What Explains US Mass Shootings? International Comparisons Suggest an Answer: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/07/world/americas/mass-shootings-us-international.html? r=0>