

Jesus and the Ten Commandments

Study Questions

Week 2: Exodus 20:7

1. Share some thoughts on what it means to take the Lord's name in vain. Are there things that surprise you?
2. What does it mean to you to hear the name of "Yahweh"? Does that invoke any special feelings in you?
3. What do you think it looks like to profane and desecrate God's name of "Yahweh"? Certain texts translate this commandment as "to take lightly" or "as no significance"; how would that make you feel about God's name?
4. In all honesty with your group, how do you personally use God's name? Do you treat it without reverence, or with profanity? Think about where you might use God's name.
5. When we use God's name in a vow (think in a courtroom setting, or in your marriage vows), what is the implication when it is used there?
6. If God is known by the way we represent him, what would the world see?
7. Think about your sphere of influence. Are you shining the bright light of Jesus Christ to them by your words, thoughts and actions? Discuss with your group.
8. Share with your group if there was a specific thought or idea from the sermon this week that spoke to you or was a new concept.