



Reference: Exodus 20:7

July 12-16

INTRODUCTION

Over the next few weeks our church will be studying the Ten Commandments. In so doing, we will be discussing how we can better love God and love others. This week in particular we will be looking at why the Lord's name is a very serious thing and should not be taken in vain.

ICE BREAKER

Where did your parents get your name from?

QUESTIONS

- 1.) James Merritt says *"The 10 Commandments were not given to establish a relationship with God, they were given to express a relationship with God."* Knowing this, how can you better appreciate the 10 Commandments?
- 2.) Pastor John told us that our God has a name. After reading Exodus 20:7 why do you think God stresses the fact that He has a name?
- 3.) In the Bible, a name is more than just a title. A name reveals the character of a person. Think of some of the names of God, how do these names reveal snapshots of God's character?
- 4.) Pastor John told us that our God's Name is important. Again read Exodus 20:7 and focus on the 2nd part of the verse. Why do you think God's name is important? Do you think we give this level of importance to His name?
- 5.) We can be tempted to take the Lord's name in vain in several ways: disrespect, profanity, promises, misrepresentations, forgery and superficial worship. Which of these are you most tempted to do? What precautions or boundaries can we set to protect us from doing so?
- 6.) Al Mohler said *"The Lord God is filled with zeal and jealousy for His name."* What do you think he meant by this? Why do you think God is filled with zeal and jealousy for His name?
- 7.) Knowing that God is "our God" does it make any sense to demean the One in whom we have placed our faith by taking His name in vain? Why or Why not?