



Reference: Exodus 20:13

August 1-6

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 God forbids murder.

ICE BREAKER

"Describe who or what made you the most angry you have ever been. What did you do with that anger (walk away, silent treatment, lash out, etc)?"

QUESTIONS

- 1.) Why do you think God included this commandment for His people?
- 2.) Pastor John mentioned that we often misunderstand and misappropriate this command, what are some of the ways we do this?
- 3.) The first reason that God prohibits murder is that people, all people, are image bearers of God. Read Exodus 20:13 and Genesis 9:6. How does God set the basis for this commandment all the way back in Genesis?
- 4.) How should viewing others as beings made in God's image practically affect the way that we treat one another?
- 5.) The second reason that God prohibits murder is because all murder is an attack against God. Al Mohler stated it this way "Murder is an insult to God. Murder deprives God of one who was made in His image and for his glory. Murder is the willful subtraction of God's glory, and the capacity for the display of God's glory in the midst of His creation...it is a personal attack upon the dignity of the Creator." How does this idea change the way you view murder?
- 6.) This commandment prohibits homicide, suicide/euthanasia, manslaughter and abortion. How are each of these an attack against God?
- 7.) The last idea we were reminded of in regards to this commandment is that Jesus died for sinners including murderers. We often think that we are blameless in this commandment and thus not in need of a savior in this area of life. Read Matthew 5:21-22, how does Jesus' teaching deepen our understanding of this commandment?
- 8.) One of the reasons for the Law was to show us our desperate need for a savior. How has our series in the 10 commandments deepened your appreciation for what Jesus has done for you on your behalf?