

# 10 *COMMANDMENTS*

## Sunday June 16th

### LET'S TALK:

When you were growing up, if you had siblings, how were disputes handled by your parents?

We often view laws as restrictions on us, but throughout the Old Testament and New Testament, we see that the law is given for our benefit. How do you see that in this week's sermon?

### LET'S STUDY:

The 6th Commandment found in Exodus 20:13 says 'You shall not murder.'

Did the sermon inform your understanding of what murder is and what it isn't?

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Discuss the phrase sanctity of life. What is implied by it?

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Read Matthew 5:21-26.

Jesus isn't questioning the law. How do His words build on the interpretation of it?

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The 7th Commandment found in Exodus 20:14 says 'You shall not commit adultery.'

Read Matthew 5:27-30.

Discuss how Jesus uses overstatement to emphasize the necessity of dealing with uncontrolled immorality.

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Read James 1:15

What would happen if you refused to deal with sin through repentance? What would be the lasting, and dire consequences, both here on earth, and for eternity to come?

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Through Jesus, we receive no condemnation for our sin. Does knowing that hating is the same as murder, and that lusting is the same as adultery help you understand what you are forgiven of? How does this shape your understanding of God's love & grace?

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### **LET'S APPLY:**

Have you observed sin in your life or the life of someone close to you reap serious consequences? What did this teach you about the nature of sin?

Jesus shares the importance of our inner life, how our thoughts can be the equivalent of physical murder and adultery. Does this challenge you? Are there any parts of this that you struggle with?

Joel touched on very weighty topics like abortion, adultery, pornography, anger and suicide. If that opened any wounds or brought back painful memories, can we pray for you about those? Is there someone in this group that you are comfortable sharing that with? How can your group support you in your healing?

### **LET'S PRAY:**

Praise the Lord for valuing and giving life and relationships.

Confess the root sins of uncontrolled anger or lust and ask the Lord to guide us towards holiness and healing. Thank the Lord Jesus Christ, for paying the penalty of sin with His life and reconciling us with God for life everlasting.

### **BEFORE NEXT TIME, ON YOUR OWN:**

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

Murder and adultery do not just happen, something led up to it. In your experience what "sin chain," or root problem, have you seen as the cause of most problems in your personal life, church, or society at large?

Read Romans 13:9-10.

Love is the fulfillment of the law. Why would being a person of honor and Christ-like character be the greatest witness and the greatest impact we could make for His kingdom?