

Sermon Notes

We are Set Free to Live Free

Philippians 2:12-16 (ESV)

Exodus 20:13 (ESV) You shall not murder.

Humans are Precious

Permissible: Killing to Protect Life (Exodus 22:2-3 / Genesis 9:6 / Romans 13:1-5 / Luke 13:14)

Prohibited: Taking Innocent Life (Exodus 21:28-29 / Psalm 139:13 / Matthew 27:3-10 / Psalm 41:1)

Hatred is Poison

Matthew 5:21-26 (ESV)

How to Do Away with Murder:

Unmet Expectations → An Offense → Anger → Hate → Murder

Unmet Expectations → An Offense → Anger → Forgiveness → Love → Bless

Matthew 5:43-45a (NKJV)

If you have a problem giving grace, then you know you have a problem receiving grace.

“When we refuse to forgive someone, it’s like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die.”

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week’s message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?**
- 2) Read Genesis 1:26-27. How does knowing that all people are made in the image of God inform the way that you treat others?**
- 3) Read Exodus 20:13. How do you think this commandment speaks to issues like self-defense, war, capital punishment, abortion, suicide, or euthanasia?**
- 4) Have you ever experienced hatred towards others? Do you agree that it’s not only potentially poison towards them, but ultimately poison for you as well?**
- 5) How quickly are you able to “Do Away with Murder” when it comes to forgiving offenses and dealing with unresolved anger? Is there anyone you need to forgive now?**