

# Small Group Discussion Guide

“Top Ten Summer” (pt. 5) – 07.12.2015

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-22

**Bottom Line:** The 6th Commandment reveals our hearts, but it also reveals a great God who is far greater than our mistakes.

## INTRODUCTION/ICEBREAKER:

This week's Top Ten was based on the best summer foods to enjoy with watermelon taking the top spot. Have your small group share their favorite summer food and why. Plan a pot-luck to end the summer where everyone brings their favorite item.

## UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

### Read Exodus 20:13

The 6th Commandment seems like the easiest of all Commandments to keep. Often it is the one commandment that brings pride to our hearts because we would never murder anyone and we believe that God must be pleased with this!

**1) What is your initial response to the 6th Commandment (pride, self righteousness, passivity, etc)?**

### Read Matthew 5:21-22

Jesus completely changes our views on the 6th commandment. Not only are we called to not murder, but we're told that being angry with our brother is on the same playing field. Jesus exposes our depravity and points us towards our need for a Savior.

**1) How does Jesus define murder?**

**2) Why is Jesus, "raising the bar," on the 6th Commandment?**

**3) Is anger or bitterness a part of your life?**

## LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

1) **Road Map:** Pray that God will help you to be slow to anger and quick to extend grace as we point to Jesus' kindness towards us.

2) **Mirror:** How does the 6th Commandment expose our hearts? (shows that we are sinful people in need of a Savior)

3) **Window:** What does the 6th Commandment, as Jesus interprets it, reveal about God? (He is slow to anger and is a GOOD Father...embrace His great love for you!)