

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Top Ten Summer” (pt. 2) – 06.14.2015

Scripture: Exodus 20:7

Bottom Line: The manner which we use God's name brings him glory and also reveals our heart.

INTRODUCTION/ICEBREAKER:

Our second, “Top 10 List”, featured some of the best treats to enjoy during the summer. Have your SG share their favorites summer treats with your group. Plan a fun outing to indulge in some of the top picks this summer together!

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

This week we cover the third commandment, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain...”. It's important to remember that the commandments were given to people who had already been freed and made his own. These commandments were not given to earn his love or grace but in light of the freedom he had graciously given.

Read Exodus 20:7

Taking God's name in vain isn't merely using “curse” words.

1) **What are ways that we can take God's name in vain?**

- a. Speaking God's name trivially, lightly, inaccurately or dishonorably.
- b. Making a promise using God's name or about God that we don't keep.
- c. Using God's name to further my glory, not his glory.
- d. Using God's name to justify my decisions or my plans.

2) **Why do you think not misusing God's name is important to God?**

- a. God's name is a window which we see who God truly is.
- b. How we talk about God reveals our true feelings about God.
- c. How we talk about God is like a map that leads to or away from God.

3) **Discuss all three of the answers above and how we can practically live them out to honor God in our daily lives. (ex. how should we talk about God to others, etc.)**

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

1) **How can the third commandment lead you to Jesus in your everyday life?**

- Our inability to perfectly live out the commandments shows our need for Jesus. We can rest our lives in Jesus' life because he has kept his name perfect on our behalf.
- Cherish Jesus and his name above all else (Matthew 1:21; John 20:31; Romans 10:13).
- Be wise in how we speak about God to ourselves and to others.

2) **From our mouths speaks from the overflow of our hearts. What is your mouth revealing about your heart towards God?**