



GOD'S TOP TEN

Thou Shall Not Murder - Exodus 20:13

MAIN THING

Honor Your Father and Mother

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:13, Genesis 9:6, Exodus 21:12-14, Matthew 5:21-22, 1 John 3:10-15

ICEBREAKER

Some of my favorite movies are murder mysteries; elaborate stories where the police are sent on wild goose chases, questioning all kinds of suspects, and eventually, through a multitude of investigative procedures, they get the murderer. What are some of your favorite murder mystery movies or tv shows? Why do you like them?

OPENING THOUGHT

Thou Shall Not Murder. Of all of the ten commandments, this is the most obvious. No one really thinks that taking another's life is good or moral thing. But what if this isn't just about killing someone physically? What if murder really means more than that? That's what we'll be discussing in this session.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Look up Genesis 9:6. For what reason is the act of Murder considered so vile in the eyes of God?
3. Look up Exodus 21:12-14. Are there times when killing another human is considered okay? What would those circumstances be? Under what circumstances would YOU kill someone?
4. Read Matthew 5:21-22. How did Jesus redefine murder in the New Testament? The Greek translation of this more specifically says, "But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, **without cause**, will be subject to judgment." Do you really believe that, in the eyes of God, that murder and anger without cause are the same thing?

LIFE APPLICATION

5. What makes anger without cause so deadly? Do we need to take this kind of anger as seriously as we do murder? Do you struggle with this? Where is this the hardest in your life?

CHALLENGE

Read 1 John 3:10-15. What are some ways we can combat this harmful sin? Are there people that you need to ask forgiveness from? Take some time this week to list out the people that we've allowed hate to enter into our feelings toward them. Pray over that list. Pray that God will help you release that hate from your life.