

The 10 Commandments

5TH – Don't Murder!! – B14

Memory Verse- Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger **Ephesians 4:26**

5th Commandment - 'You shall not MURDER.' **Exodus 20:13**

- MURDER - the killing of a human being by a sane person, with intent, malice aforethought and with no legal excuse or authority

God values LIFE! This is the story of SCRIPTURES from beginning to end.

- **Genesis 1** - Creation is all about God breathing LIFE into nothing and is crowned by HUMANS!
- **Genesis 1:26** - 'Then God said, "Let us make man in our IMAGE, after our likeness.
- **Genesis 2** - Perfect relationship with God and the tree of LIFE was in the center!
- **Genesis 3** - Sin enters the world and brings DEATH, which goes against God's desires. The remainder of Scripture is about God restoring LIFE!
- **Revelation 22** - This gives us a picture of eternity, which centers on LIFE WITH JESUS!
 - As followers of Jesus, we focus on bringing LIFE to everything around us and this is the heart of the 5th Commandment.

Jesus EXPANDS the 5th Commandment to include HATRED of brother, unforgiveness, unwillingness to reconcile, name calling, wishing evil upon them, and harsh judgment

- **Ephesians 4:26** - 'Be ANGRY and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.'

The 5th Commandment isn't only about not MURDERING your neighbor, but about HELPING, serving & PROTECTING those in need!

- **1 John 3:15-16** - 'Everyone who hates his brother is a MURDERER, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, that he laid down his LIFE for us, and we ought to lay down our LIVES for the brothers.'

'Murder' is a HEART issue, not just a behavior issue---we need to ask God for a change of HEART!

- **Matthew 15:19** - For out of the HEART come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.
 - 1) We must understand and BELIEVE what God thinks of us
 - 2) Respond in faith and TRUST God
 - 3) We are able to have a healthy love for our NEIGHBOR
 - 4) We are able to have a healthy love for OURSELF

Main Point: As followers of Jesus, we value LIFE and LOVE our neighbors, because they are made in the IMAGE of God.

Reflection Time

Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:

1) What does it mean to be made in the image of God and do you believe you are?

2) Rephrase what Jesus would include in the idea of 'murder'...

3) What are ways that you can stand up for life around you?

4) Ephesians 4:26 says, *'Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.'* How does this apply to your life and how are you at this?

5) Matthew 15:19 says, *'For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.'* What are ways we can change our heart?

Family Time

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Your Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

(please print your name so we can read it)

(Don't turn in without a parent sig!!)

Family Time is meant to be an opportunity to get the family talking about spiritual things. Multiple studies show that parents and grandparents are the #1 faith role models in a child's life. We know life is busy, but we want to give you opportunities to grow together. A great time to do this is in the car, while eating a meal, or simply anytime you can enjoy together.

Memory Verse-*Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger. Ephesians 4:26*

1) Ask your parent(s): What does it mean to murder, based on the Bible?

2) Now read **Matthew 5:21-26** and write down 3 ways that Jesus expanded the definition of murder.

3) Open your Small Catechism to question #60 in the 10 Commandments section. Write down the 3 answers how we look after the physical well-being of our neighbor on page 87:

A - _____

B - _____

C - _____

4) Now choose one of the items you just wrote above (just list A, B or C)---how can you live this out in your everyday life?

5) Read **Genesis 1:26-27** & **Psalm 139:13-16**---the commandment about murder is not only about not harming someone, but loving them. How do these verses apply to this commandment?

6) We spent a lot of time talking about how God is all about life, from the beginning to the end of the Bible. Name 3 ways that God is an advocate of life in the Bible:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

7) What are 2 ways you can be an advocate for life in society today?

8) Pray together as a family---pray for forgiveness when you have 'murdered' those around you. Pray that you can value people as made in the image of God. Pray that you can be an advocate for life in society!