



BIG IDEA

“You see, the reason why Jesus has been given the name above all other names is because Jesus is the only person to have ever obeyed this third commandment, and he did so perfectly. And he did so because he saw the punishment that was yours for misusing his name, yet because he loves you, he took your punishment on the cross, paying the price for your dishonoring of his name. How incredible is that?”

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What did we learn about the power of a name? What names have power in your life? Explain your answer.
2. What were the three questions that we are to ask about the name of God? Why is knowing the answers to these questions important for us to understand as Christ Followers?

Read: Exodus 20:7, Philippians 2:7b-11

3. What did you think it meant to take God’s name in vain? What did we learn it really means?
4. In what ways does our worship of God reflect in this commandment?
5. How would you respond if proclaiming Jesus’s name would cost you your life?
6. Talk about how Christians are often the ones who misrepresent Jesus’s name to the world through our actions.

Read: Exodus 20:7
7. What is the punishment or consequence for dishonoring the name of the Lord? Why is the punishment so severe?
8. How do you respond to God when he does not do what you wanted him to do or in the time span you desired? How can we show God we trust and love him?
9. At our death, what happens to our name? Why is this true of our name and not the name of Jesus?
10. It is true we are all guilty of breaking this commandment, so who will bear the guilt and punishment for our misuse of the Lord’s name? How do you know this to be true?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is this command in God's top ten?
3. In what ways are you guilty of misusing God's name?
4. Why is how we represent Jesus important, especially to those who listen to us?
5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

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Pray: That we would represent Jesus in a way that honors his name.

Read: Exodus 20:7, Philippians 2:7b-11. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit gatewayepc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

Write: Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Exodus 20:7, Philippians 2:7b-11.)

Love: Share this message of hope with someone you love.