

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is this commandment in God's top ten?
3. What steps are you going to take this week to obey this commandment?
4. What caused you to "pause" in this week's sermon? Why?
5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

DEEPER

Pray: That we would be known as people who don't commit murder, following the example of our Savior Jesus.

Read: Exodus 20:13, Matthew 5:21-22a, 19:25-26, James 2:10-11. 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 20:13, Matthew 5:21-22a, 19:25-26, James 2:10-11.)

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



BIG IDEA

“Christ was murdered so your sins, all of your sins, could be forgiven. So let’s stop thinking of sin generally but make what Christ did on the cross more personal than maybe it’s ever been. He died for your sin of breaking this commandment. And — by believing in him, what’s impossible is now possible: You’re given eternal life. And Heaven is your reward. And guilt and shame because of an abortion or racism and hate in your past is clothed in the forgiveness and mercy of God.”

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. Why is there value in preaching through the Bible and not just picking a topic to teach on?
2. What did we learn about murder this week? How well have you kept this commandment?

Read: Exodus 20:13, Matthew 5:21-22a, 19:25-26, James 2:10-11

3. What is the biblical definition of murder? What does it mean to murder someone?
4. How have we often seen this commandment misused? What does murder not mean?
5. What did Jesus say institutes murder? With that understanding, have you murdered anyone lately?
6. How did Jesus get angry and not sin? What can we learn from this?
7. If we are successful at following 99% of the commandments and not 100%, what are we guilty of?
8. Why must we not allow pride or judgment to creep in when we compare ourselves with others? How have we been like the rich young ruler?
9. How does showing people grace and choosing not to get angry set us apart from the world? Why should we be compelled to follow this commandment?
10. Why must the Bible be our guide in life? What promise in God’s word brings us hope this week?