



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In the series, "The Ten: Commandments for Today", we are looking at each of these commands given by the Lord to His people. This week we learn not to misuse His name.

1. Names have meaning. When we hear a name, it almost always brings about images, ideas and, maybe most importantly, feelings. Share a name of someone that you loved but has passed. When someone says their name today, what images, ideas, words and/or feelings come to mind?
2. "Do not take the Lord's name in vain." Prior to this week's sermon, how have you understood this command? Give examples of how you applied that understanding.

Read Exodus 20:7.

3. Why do you think God gives such a harsh consequence for breaking this command?

Read Acts 19:13-16.

4. Jesse noted two ways in which Christians may misuse the name of God. First, believers should not use God's name (reputation, ownership, authority) to promote an agenda that God would never approve of. How did the seven sons of Sceva misuse the name of Jesus?
5. Second, believers should not use God's name to promote their own agenda, which can cause unbelievers to reject God. This can happen when Christians put God's name on a decision they made that is unbiblical and of which God would never approve (e.g. someone justifying divorce without biblical grounds because they are sure God wants them to be "happy"). How can such decisions negatively impact our witness in the world?

Read Romans 12:1-2.

6. As Christians, our actions, motivations, behaviors and thoughts must align with God's name. Spend some time praying for the strength to honor, obey and reflect God's name in every aspect of our lives.



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MESSAGE NOTES

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

WHAT IS GOD ASKING ME TO DO?