



In Person & Zoom Community Group Lesson – October 2 & 5, 2022

## Commandment #3 - Be Careful with God's Name

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### Main Point

- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God

### Scripture

- Exodus 20:7
  - "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name"

### Prayer Time

- Spend a couple of minutes in praise and prayer to God.

### Praise and Worship

- Holy, Holy, Holy – Audrey Assad  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgHrNNM23p8>
- Is He Worthy? – Chris Tomlin  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c6pl6CaiD0>

### Memory Verse

- John 14:15
  - "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

### Review of Last Week

- Last week we learned about the dangers of idols and how God wants us to worship and pray to Him and only Him.
- Was there a worship song that you chose to listen to a few times this past week?

### Lesson

- At the count of three, everyone call out your name. Ready...1...2...3!!!!
- Ask, is your name important to you?
  - Do you know that God knows each of our names?
- Our names are important to us, and God's name is important to Him. That is why He tells us in the 3rd commandment to not misuse His name.
  - How many of you have been called by the wrong name?
  - How does that feel? (*bad*)
  - How do you think God feels when we call Him by the wrong name? (*sad*)
- Let's take a look at the Bible verse commandment.

- What does **guiltless** mean? (*without guilt; sinless; innocent*)
- What does **misuse** mean? (*to use incorrectly or inappropriately; a wrong or inappropriate use*)
- What does **punish** mean? (*to impose a penalty on for a real or imagined offence*)
- So we can see that taking God's name in vain means using God's name in a thoughtless, insincere way or without a specific purpose.
- God does not take it lightly if we do. We are responsible for every word that comes out of our mouths, whether it is good or bad.
- When we speak, people around us hear the words coming out of our mouths. They also hear the intent coming from our heart. Regardless of whether or not we use the Lord's name in a fit of anger or if it's used "all in good fun," what others actually hear when we say those words is that we don't really respect God. Our God is so powerful, he created everything around us, and knows every second of our lives down to the last minute, and for all this he deserves respect. When we misuse God's name it makes him sad because it shows him that we do not respect him as much as we should for all he has done and will do for us.
- Let's look at three verses that tell us about the different names of God, and what else we can call Him.
- Matthew 1:23
  - "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel".
  - What does Immanuel mean? [God with us]
- John 14:6
  - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
  - What does being the way, truth and life mean? [that we need to accept Jesus as our forever friend and Saviour in order to get to heaven to be with God]
- Revelation 22:13
  - "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."
  - What does Alpha and Omega mean? [beginning and the end – God was there at creation and then when Jesus comes again]

### **Application and Group Discussion**

- At your tables, talk about what are some other names that we should call God as told to us in the Bible. (*Friend, Savior, Jesus, Judge, Protector, Abba*)
- Go around the table and say a prayer to God, using these names.

### **Live it out Challenge**

- Have you ever misused God's name? Have you taken the Lord's name in vain? How do you think it made God feel when you did that? What is something you can do to ensure you don't say it again?





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of the Lord your God.*

