



Discussion Questions Jesus & The Ten Commandments Week 3: The Name of the Lord

1. Do you think a person's name is important?
What are things we do in our world to demonstrate that a person's name is significant?

2. Read **Exodus 20:7 (NKJV)**
7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

This week Pastor Dave explained that the word "vain" means - trivial, light, inconsequential, irrelevant, insignificant, or small. How does that definition help you rethink what this commandment is all about?

3. What do you think is really at the heart of why God gives this commandment?
To help you answer that question:

Read Jesus' words in Matthew 6:9.

Finish this sentence - God asks us not to take His name in vain because...

4. Read **Matthew 5:33-37**.
We should be careful about Promises in the name of the Lord.
Why do you think people swear in God's name or on the Bible, and why do you think Jesus says not for my followers?

5. Read **Jeremiah 14:14-16**.

We should be careful about Proclamations in the name of the Lord.

Has anyone ever misrepresented what you said or how you said something? How did you feel about that? How do you think God feels about people putting words in His mouth that aren't really His?

Has anyone ever said to you, "The Lord told me..." How did that turn out for you?

6. Read **Matthew 7:21-23**.

We should be careful about Pretense in the name of the Lord.

Have you ever done something in God's name, but in all honesty, it wasn't about God or for God at all; it was about you?

7. Read **Leviticus 19:12**.

We should be careful about Platitudes in the name of the Lord.

In Leviticus, to profane God's name is to treat Him lightly or inconsequentially. It's to take the heaviness & significance of God and make him light and insignificant.

In what ways do you see Jesus followers trivially treating God's name?

8. Ultimately, the real way to keep this command is to remember & proclaim the Significance, Majesty & Glory of God. How does worship help us do this? What else helps you do this in your life?