

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: To win, build and send Department of Defense leaders to live for Jesus Christ

Ten Commandments for the 21st Century

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LESSON # 7– YOU SHALL NOT KILL [MURDER]

INTRODUCTION

How is killing in crime on the streets of Washington, DC different than killing done by a soldier in Iraq?"

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Note: This commandment has far reaching implications. Seemingly, our society does not consider life as sacred. It is estimated that by the time a youth in America reaches 18 years of age, he or she has witnessed 200,000 acts of violence on television alone not to mention the many life-like video games that demonstrate the same. This commandment has caused the examination of controversial issues like capital punishment, euthanasia, abortion, suicide, and even The Just War theory.

Read Psalm 139:13-16

2. How does God demonstrate the importance of life?
3. How much detail did God place in ensuring we would have life?
4. What does God know about our death?

Read Exodus 20:13

5. What is the biblical definition for murder? Is the world's definition different? If so, how?
6. What was God's standard in the Old Testament concerning murder? Exodus 21:12-14
7. How does the violation of this Commandment affect our relationship with God? With man?

Read Matt: 5:21-22

8. How does Jesus place a new dimension on what it means to kill?
9. How does anger, insults, and calling someone a "fool" relate to murder? What about gossip?
10. What should we do when we find ourselves in such a situation? Matt 5:23-24

APPLICATION

- How do we apply the concept that Jesus introduced about how we murder?
- Murder is more about God than it is about a law or a legal social contract with others. What can we do to help others avoid murder?

SIXTH COMMANDMENT: "You must not murder." Exodus 20:13 (LB)

"Since man is made in the image of God (Genesis 9:6), then the taking of a single life is the destruction of the most precious and the most holy thing in the world. This commandment in itself needs no defense. It carries its eternal validity on its face".

The Ten Commandments by William Barclay.