

SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: The Third Commandment (Exodus 20:1-21)

Date: June 11, 2023

Group Discussion Questions

- 1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
- 2. Read verse 7. How is the word "name" used in Scripture? What does the name of the LORD refer to?
- 3. This is the third time the phrase "the LORD your God" has been used in Exodus 20. What does the use of this phrase add to the third commandment? Why is it significant?
- 4. What does "in vain" mean? What are some other verses that shed light on how this word is used in the Bible?
- 5. If people took the third commandment seriously in our society, how might our world be different than what it is now?
- 6. How would the *positive* version of this commandment be obeyed? What would it practically look like to abide by it day by day? (Hint: see the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6)
- 7. How does this commandment apply to oath taking? (i.e. civil oaths, marriage oaths, membership covenant, etc.)
- 8. How does this commandment apply on an individual level (aside from oaths)?