



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **The Sixth Commandment, Part 4 (Exodus 20:1-21)**

Date: **October 1, 2023**

### Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. For review: How would you biblically persuade someone that the 10 Commandments are still binding and authoritative for us today?
3. What is the purpose of self-defence? How does it relate to the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment? What are some principles that ought to govern our approach to self-defence?
4. Read Exodus 22:2-23 and Luke 22:35-38. What do these two passages teach us about self-defence?
5. Pastor Jacob said, *"Without the right to defend a right, the right means nothing."* Explain what he meant by this. Do you agree? Why or why not?
6. Some may bring up Matthew 5:38-39 as a counterpoint to someone who advocates for just self-defence rights. Explain what Jesus is teaching in Matthew 5:38. Does his teaching forbid self-defence? What does it forbid?
7. What do you believe Jesus is talking about in Matthew 5:39 when he says, *"If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also"*? How do Job 16:10 and Lamentations 3:30 help us to better understand what Jesus is teaching?



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8. What is pacifism? How might a pacifist try to justify their position biblically?
  
9. What passages would you turn to and what biblical arguments would you make to show why pacifism is biblically unjustifiable?