



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **The 9th Commandment – Part 2 (Exodus 20:1-21)**

Date: **January 28, 2024**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. If the 9th commandment prohibits the bearing of false witness, then what opposite good does it demand of us?
3. In our justice system, why do we have the assumption of innocence until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt? How is this practice rooted in biblical wisdom?
4. Read Deuteronomy 19:15-19 and Deuteronomy 17:6. What different principles do we learn from these passages pertaining to witnessing sin, corroborating evidence, and dealing with allegations of sin?
5. What important truth does Proverbs 18:17 teach us? How ought this principle to inform and influence how we go about dealing with sin and conflict?
6. Read the following passages and explain the clear principles that they communicate about dealing with sin and conflict: Leviticus 19:15, Deuteronomy 1:18, Leviticus 5:1, Matthew 7:3-5, Leviticus 19:17, and Proverbs 27:5.
7. If someone was concerned that God's high standards for establishing guilt would allow guilty people to get away with their sins/crimes, how would you counsel them?



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8. If someone comes up to you and makes an allegation of sin to you about another person, how should you respond to this situation? Which biblical principles would you employ in this situation?

9. Why must churches especially be on guard against sins like slander and gossip? What makes a church community more vulnerable to sins like these?

10. What do Proverbs 22:10 and Titus 3:10 teach us about how to deal with slanderous and divisive people? Why ought we to treat these kinds of sins with such a high degree of severity and seriousness?

11. When might telling the truth be the *wrong* thing to do? See Proverbs 17:9 for one example. When is deception justified? See Exodus 1:15-22 and Joshua 2 for a couple biblical case studies.

12. When it comes to the reputation of Christ and the testimony of the apostles, what does the 9th commandment demand of us? Explain.