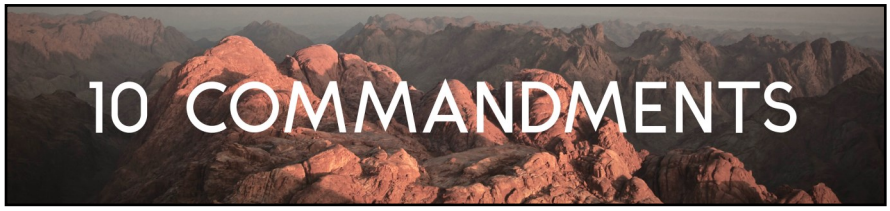

Sermon Discussion Guide

"No Murder He Wrote"
Deuteronomy 5:17

Sermon Notes

For More on This Sermon Series:
The Ten Commandments: What They Mean, Why They Matter, and Why We Should Obey Them by Kevin DeYoung
Written in Stone: The Ten Commandments and Today's Moral Crisis by Philip Ryken
The Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 39-87

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read ***Deuteronomy 19:1-13; Deuteronomy 22:8; Numbers 35:9-34; Deuteronomy 19:11-13***. Note how God defines murder by relating the action of killing to hatred or serious neglect. Discuss the provision God makes for a proper trial and outcome.

2. Discuss the penalties.

3. Read ***Genesis 9:5-6***. What is the basis for Capital Punishment? Does this uphold or destroy the dignity of people? Why? Why not?

4. Read ***Exodus 22:2-3***. Discuss fully the situation, surroundings, time of day, manner and purpose of home invasion. Is this a matter of self-defense? Is it restrictive on the use of force in the two situations? Discuss.

5. Read ***Romans 12:19*** and ***Romans 13:1-5***. What does this have to say about the role of an individual and the role of government? What are swords used for? Does this indicate the power of execution for upholding justice? Does this limit the individual from taking personal "revenge" (taking the law into your own hands)?

6. What does motive have to do with a harmful action? Read ***Matthew 5:17-20*** and ***1 John 3:14-15***. What do we learn about murder and its relationship to love? How serious do we take this? Why? Why not? Apply this to real situations.

For Your Family - We are on Week #26 of Children's Catechism.
Please teach your children question 38.

Memorize ***Deuteronomy 5:17 – You shall not murder.***