BEYOND THE

TEN

COMMANDMENTS

SESSIONS 6-10

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SACRED LIFE

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

TO BEGIN

What's one of your pet peeves?

DIGGING DEEPER

 What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

Together, open your Bibles and read from Exodus 19:7-24 & 20:1-21

In this session we are going to be looking at the sixth commandment "You shall not murder." This commandment deals with the sanctity of human life. As followers of Jesus, we believe that this commandment goes beyond murder and challenges us in how we think and act towards others. God's love should influence everything we say, everything we think, and everything we do towards other people.

Pronounce it! Read Exodus 20:13 several times, stopping after each word or phrase. Which words or phrases stand out most prominently to you?

- What value does the Bible put on human life? What Scriptures come to mind?
- What does disrespect for human life imply about respect for God, and why?

Jesus works with this commandment in His Sermon on the Mount.

Read Matthew 5:21-22

 How does Jesus relate murder and anger? Is anger always sinful, or might there be times when it's justified—and if so, what are some examples?

- How does Jesus tell us to deal with the root problem?
 What does this look like practically?
- Matthew 6:14–15 teaches us how we should respond to those with whom we are angry. In what relationships do you currently need to ask God for help to show forgiveness?
- How does this commandment apply to your life? What will you do about it?

PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Spend some time praying and share what God is doing in your life. Each week you will be given a different prayer based upon the commandment we are studying.

Together, pray this prayer then go into praying for each other.

lay my interd nd not death	nctions today with others, and my words, bring lift, edify and not tear down.

SACRED SEX

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

TO BEGIN

 What words describe our culture's attitude towards sex & marriage?

DIGGING DEEPER

 What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

Together, open your Bibles and read from Exodus 20:1-21

In this session we are going to be looking at the seventh commandment "You shall not commit adultery." The relationship between husband and wife is one of covenant and holiness. Adultery destroys this relationship. Adultery includes infidelity, unfaithfulness, extramarital sex, all which God detests. The marriage relationship is one that God desires to protect and keep holy and pure. Even beyond marriage, God desires for us to have healthy relationships with each other and this includes how we treat and think about others.

Pronounce it! Read Exodus 20:14 several times, stopping after each word or phrase. Which words or phrases stand out most prominently to you?

- What is God getting at in the commandment? What is He revealing about us that we would otherwise not figure out on our own?
- What do you think is the secret to a healthy marriage?
- Think of a relationship in which you could show greater commitment or loyalty. What could you do in order to cultivate this quality within that relationship?

Read Matthew 5:27-30 & Matthew 19:4-6.

- How does the seventh commandment, "You shall not commit adultery," compare with Jesus' teachings?
- Are adultery and lust the same thing?
- God desires to protect and improve our relationships.
 How does this 7th commandment do this?
- Why are humans tempted to disobey it? What happens when we do?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-20.

- What are the similarities between the Corinthian culture and today's world?
- What challenges are we given in these verses? How does Paul help us understand this commandment?
- What could you do this week to invest in your own marriage relationship or to support someone else in maintaining theirs?
- How might we speak this good news to our culture?
- How does this commandment apply to your life? What will you do about it?

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Free me to live nurely rightly and respectfully to myself and

others.							

SACRED PROPERTY

THE EIGTH COMMANDMENT

TO BEGIN

 Have you ever had anything stolen? How did it make you feel?

DIGGING DEEPER

 What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

Together, open your Bibles and read from Exodus 20:1-21

In this session we are going to be looking at the eighth commandment "You shall not steal." Stealing takes from others with no thought of giving in return. As followers of Jesus, we obviously shouldn't steal, plain and simple. We should give without expecting to receive anything in return. We are to be a generous people.

Pronounce it! Read Exodus 20:15 several times, stopping after each word or phrase. Which words or phrases stand out most prominently to you?

- What is God revealing about how we treat others with this commandment?
- In what ways do we violate this commandment? Think widely and deeply.
- What does "stealing" say about the state of our hearts? Read Philippians 4:6-19.
- How is God challenging you here with this passage of Scripture?
- Which words or phrases stand out most prominently to you?

 How does this commandment apply to your life? What will you do about it?

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Help me not to be greedy but to share joyfully with others.

SACRED WORD

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

TO BEGIN

What activity seems to give you life and energy?

DIGGING DEEPER

 What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

Together, open your Bibles and read from Exodus 20:1-21

In this session we are going to be looking at the ninth commandment "You shall not give false witness." When we are tempted to gossip, slander, lie, or speak ill of someone, we give false witness. As followers of Jesus, we are to be a community that includes respect, discretion, and care for one another. They will know that we are followers of Jesus by our live for one another.

Pronounce it! Read Exodus 20:16 several times, stopping after each word or phrase. Which words or phrases stand out most prominently to you?

- How would you describe "false witness" in your own words?
- Is it okay to ever lie?
- How does this commandment apply to our relationships?
- When we break this commandment, we destroy our community. Why do you think this is? Why do people still continue to lie?

Read 1 John 1:7; Ephesians 4:29; & Psalm 141:3.

- How does this Scriptures inform the way we live out this commandment?
- What can we do as followers of Jesus to help one another hold to the truth?

Read James 3:3-12.

- How is God challenging you here with this passage of Scripture?
- Which words or phrases stand out most prominently to you?
- How does this commandment apply to your life? What will you do about it?

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Lord, help me to walk in the truth and to avoid false assumptions about other people and situations – not only in my own mind, but in my conversations with others.

SESSION TEN SACRED SATISFACTION

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

TO BEGIN

Share a summer highlight with the group.

DIGGING DEEPER

 What stood out to you the most from this past weekend service?

Together, open your Bibles and read from Exodus 20:1-21

In this session we are going to be looking at the tenth commandment "You shall not covet." The word, covet, means "to desire with the intent to own something that can never be rightfully yours." Another word that we might be more familiar with is materialism. We reach out to things that don't truly satisfy our deepest needs. As followers of Jesus, we need to learn to surrender our selfish desires to Him. We need remember that true contentment comes from Him alone and not from the things we own.

Pronounce it! Read Exodus 20:17 several times, stopping after each word or phrase. Which words or phrases stand out most prominently to you?

 What does "covet" mean to you? How would you describe its meaning? In what ways do we covet?

Read Matthew 6:25-34.

- What does this passage teach us? What can we do to bring God into our material or financial worries?
- What is true contentment? How content are you?
- How can we have and develop 'an attitude of gratitude'?

What is the solution to "coveting"? Read Psalm 42:1-12.
 How does this help?

"We most glorify God when we are most satisfied in Him" (John Piper).

- What does it mean to be "most satisfied in Him"?
- How does this commandment apply to your life? What will you do about it?

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May I love You above all else because "Your love is better than life.

