

May 15, 2022

Count to Ten

Important Info

Study Help

Along the way, you might consider these beneficial additional resources.

The first resource is Jen Wilkin's book "*Ten Words to Live By.*" Copies of this book can be purchased before or after Sunday services at Connection Central.

The second resource is a free online commentary that can be found at <https://bit.ly/3slhfjx>



Friendly Reminder

Don't let your familiarity with the Ten Commandments prevent you from thinking deeply about what they mean in the life of the Church, and in your life specifically.

Important Dates

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| June 1-July 27 | Summer Reading Club |
| June 13-17 | Kids Virtual VBS |
| June 20-24 | Generate Summer Camp |
| June 27-July 1 | Connect Camp |

Additional information for these events and more can be found online at LegacyChurch.org

Scripture Memory (optional)

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. - Exodus 20:7 (ESV)

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Group Discussion / Exodus 20:7

Opening

Consider your name for a moment. Does your name have a meaning? If so, what is the meaning (i.e. Wild Wind, Lover of Justice, Beautiful Soul, etc)? If not, do you think it matters?

What does the name Yahweh mean? Is God's name important? Why or why not?

Upon an initial reading of the Third Commandment, would you say you are guilty of breaking it? Why or why not? If you are familiar with this commandment, how has your understanding evolved over the years?

Bible Study

The Moody Bible Commentary, along with statements from G.F. Hawthorne, explains "*In Scripture the name of a person was shorthand for the total character of the person, 'a revelation of his true nature.' Thus, 'the name of God is the revelation of the nature of God.'*" In what way(s) does God reveal His character through His name Yahweh? How should Christians use God's name?

Does the Third Commandment only forbid cussing or swearing with God's name in it? Why or why not? Based on what you remember from Pastor Kevin's sermon, what all does the Third Commandment entail? How did Jesus fulfill the Third Commandment?

Jen Wilkin, in her book *Ten Words to Live By*, describes four ways in which we can break the Third Commandment (pp 50-57). Those four ways are

Inconsistency - *The use of oaths to enhance or bolster our credibility with God's name.*

Misattribution - *Seeking to garner legitimacy for what we are doing or have done.*

Lip Service - *Misusing the name of God by speaking hallowed words but living hollow lives.*

Informality - *Speaking disrespectfully of or to God by succumbing to informality.*

Of these four sins, which one are you most surprised to learn is a sin? Which one is the easiest for you to commit? Why is that? What can be done by you personally to seek growth and accountability in killing this particular sin? Which one have you seen victory or growth in as a Christian?

Closing

Peter Leithart, author and president of a Christian leadership training program, wrote "*In the new covenant too, we're named by the Name of the Trinity and indwelt by the Spirit, who consecrates us as his sanctuary. God binds his Name and reputation to us. Whether his name is praised or blasphemed depends on whether we bear his name with the weight it deserves.*" How in this next week will you seek to bear the name of the Triune God appropriately? What steps are you going to take to be mindful of this truth?