



10 COMMANDMENTS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Sixth Commandment: The Lord of Life

(Deuteronomy 5.1-6, 17)

Week following 10/21/2018

WELCOME

Since it's still early in the year, spend some time having everyone introduce themselves. Go around the room and have everyone share their name, where they live, what they do during the day, etc. Also talk about your group schedule and format, expectations, how your meetings will go, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share the following things coming up in the life of the church:

- **Beautiful Orthodoxy Conference | October 23-25**

New City is playing host to a conference for pastors, staff and spouses in the PCA called Beautiful Orthodoxy. It's going to be an incredible conference. We need help with volunteers Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and evening, and Thursday morning. If you're able to serve in a time slot, you'll also get to sit in on some of the sessions and hear amazing music and teaching. Sign up on The City for a time slot to serve. We'll train you on the job if you're helping with coffee or keynote.

- **Missional Motherhood | Thursday, November 1st 9a**

With the holidays around the corner, please join moms of all ages as we discuss ideas for choosing Christ-oriented traditions with intention. We'll meet in the Lower Level of the Church, childcare and breakfast provided. RSVP required by Mon, Oct 22, if you need childcare. Join The "Missional Motherhood" Group on the The City for updates & info. Contact Nancy Musser: nancyrosemusser@gmail.com or (513) 233-1128

- **New City Guys' Open Gym Basketball | Mondays in Sept and Oct 7-9p**

Guys...join us at the Sharpsburg Elementary gym (4400 Smith Rd) from 7-9 pm on Monday nights in Sept. and Oct. We are asking everyone who comes to bring \$10 if they can to offset the cost to the church. Reach out to Patrick Clinton with questions: pdclinton@gmail.com

- **Gem of the Highlands 5K | November 10, 2018 8:30a**

Join our Norwood neighbors in the first annual Gem of the Highlands 5K. Run or walk through some of our favorite streets in the beautiful presidential district of Norwood. 100% of proceeds each year will go back to municipal needs and initiatives that benefit the community. This year, they are focusing on Norwood parks. Sign up today: norwoodrun.com

OPENING PRAYER

Open your group in prayer. Pray extemporaneously, or use this prayer:

Father in heaven, we pray that you would give us eyes to see and ears to hear as we spend time together this evening opening your Scriptures and discussing what it means for our lives. Help us spur one another on toward love and good deeds, for your glory. Amen.

ICBREAKER

Pastor Ryan is a big fan of murder mysteries. What's your favorite genre of books or movies?

STUDY/DISCUSSION

1. Can you think of a local event in your life when the whole community was disrupted? This could be either a good disruption or a bad disruption.
2. **Read Deuteronomy 5:1-6, 17.** What first comes to your mind when you think of the 6th Commandment? Easy, simple, hard, non-relevant?
3. How do you think people in our society view the 6th Commandment? What makes you answer the way you did?
4. How does violence in the media affect our attitude toward life and death?
5. Sometimes in worship we confess the evil we have done, but also the good we have left undone. Can you think of ways we may break the spirit of the 6th Commandment by leaving good undone? Can you think of any examples?
6. Read Matthew 5:21-26. How does Jesus deepen the 6th Commandment?
7. Read through Westminster Larger Catechism Q.135. Is there anything helpful or challenging here as you consider how to keep the 6th Commandment?

The duties required in the sixth commandment are all careful studies, and lawful endeavors, to preserve the life of ourselves and others by resisting all thoughts and purposes, subduing all passions, and avoiding all occasions, temptations, and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any; by just defense thereof against violence, patient bearing of the hand of God, quietness of mind, cheerfulness of spirit; a sober use of meat, drink, physic, sleep, labor, and recreations; by charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, kindness; peaceable, mild and courteous speeches and behavior; forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil; comforting and helping the distressed and protecting and defending the innocent.

8. If there is someone in your life who is hard to love, what are some specific ways you can obey the inward demand of the 6th Commandment in how you treat him or her?

PRAY

Take some time to pray together. This can be done together as a whole group, or in smaller groups. Exchange prayer requests. You may also use the prayer below if it's helpful. (And

leaders, follow up with a post on the City or as a “Resource” in Planning Center with a list of prayer requests as a reminder to be praying for one another).