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Guiding Questions for Chapter Groups, Family or Solo Study:

Scripture and Quotes:

As we continue talking about the Ten Commandments, we're also trying to memorize them. Try completing this by memory:

Tablet 1: Relationship with _____.

1. You shall have no _____.
2. You shall not make or worship _____.
3. You shall not misuse _____.
4. Remember the _____.

Tablet 2: Relationships with _____.

1. Honor your _____.
2. You shall not _____.
3. You shall not _____.
4. You shall not _____.
5. You shall not _____.
6. You shall not _____.

Exodus 20:7 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.

Today we're looking at the third Commandment: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord." **What do most people seem to think this Commandment means?**

- saying " _____ " instead of " _____ "
- never saying " _____ "

What did it mean *in context*?

- _____ by God's _____ in _____.
In some ways, we still do this. Ex.: "Do you swear to tell the whole truth, so help you God?" What's the problem with this?
- Showing no _____ or _____ God's wrath.
Why do you think we avoid the topics of God's wrath, judgment,

Leviticus 19:12 "Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the Lord."

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,

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and the fear of the Lord?

- _____ the name of God.

How have you witnessed people misrepresenting the name of God?

We know Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Law. How, specifically, did Jesus fulfill this law - the 3rd Commandment?

It's **not** about _____.

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Why do you think we're so hesitant to be fully transparent?

How transparent are you with God?

...with people in your inner circle?

Name one or two ways you could be a more authentic person.

How do you think greater authenticity and more plainspoken transparency would affect your relationships with God and those closest to you?

and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

Matthew 5:33-37 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the Evil One."

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Pray: Lord, forgive us for the ways we have misused your name. Help our "yes" to be yes, and our "no" to be no. We want to be transparent, plain-spoken, truth-telling disciples of Jesus who are authentic toward you and other people. Amen.

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