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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 _____.

Today, we're working with the 6th and 8th Commandments about murder and theft. What did these commandments mean in context?

You shall not murder:

Exodus 20:13, 15 You shall not murder. You shall not steal.

You shall not steal:

Both Commandments forbid taking

Proverbs 8:36 ...all who hate God love death.

Psalm 22:9-10 Yet you brought me out of the womb...from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Do you agree that we are growing more desensitized to **people taking what's not theirs to take**? If so, what do you see or

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experience in our culture that makes you feel that way?

In your opinion, what factors in our culture contribute to our desensitization?

What should the Christian response be to a culture that's desensitized to things like abortion, violence, and corporate fraud?

...and what should it **not** be?

How did Jesus **fulfill** these commandments? What did he add to the Commandments in their original form?

Jesus says **anger** is basically the same as **murder**. Do you buy that? Why or why not?

What is the connection between making peace with others and making peace with God? (*hint*: the "judge" in verses 25-26 is probably a reference to God, and the "court" is probably a reference to Judgment Day)

Pray Lord, this world is broken, and we're part of the problem. Compared to the holiness of Christ, we're all just murderers and petty thieves. Give us grace to forgive ourselves and each other, and however possible, use us to grow your kingdom of love and everlasting peace. In Jesus' name, amen.

Matthew 5:21-26 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."

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