

WORDS TO LIVE BY

A FRESH LOOK AT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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You Were Made for a Mission.

The Third Commandment (Exodus 20:7) concerns the integrity of our faith. To identify with God's name, to use it properly, is to identify with his character. To misuse God's name is to call yourself his follower while not actually following him. This word is both a warning about the danger of hypocrisy and an invitation to a life of purpose. We are called to reflect God's character to a lost and broken world through our lives.

Read Exodus Exodus 20:7.

- What is, or has been, your general understanding of this third word or commandment in the past? How would you define successful obedience to this command?
- How do Jesus' words here reflect the third word or commandment (Matthew 7:21-23)? What kind of people is Jesus describing here?
- What do these main descriptions of the name of God in Exodus reveal about His true nature (Exodus 3:14-17; Exodus 34:4-7)? What might it look like to represent this God (to use his name properly) in your life today?
- How are the unique characteristics of this more expanded revelation of the name of God seen in the rest of the Old Testament (Exodus 34:6-7)? (see Deuteronomy 5:9-10; Numbers 14:18; Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 103:8, 17; Jeremiah 32:18-19)
- How is the name of God described in the New Testament (Philippians 2:9-11)?
- Is Jesus the Lord of every area of your life today?

Praying together

Holy Spirit, help me to better know and reflect the character of Jesus in my life today.