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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

Family Values Week 3 – Respect God’s Name

Ice-Breaker – Have you ever had your mouth washed out with soap for saying something you shouldn’t have said?

Why do people swear to begin with? In what situations do people typically swear?

What are some ways that our society takes the name of God lightly or frivolously? How do we know if we have misused God’s name? Is there a clear standard?

Was there a main idea that stood out to you in this week’s message?

READ: Exodus 20:7

Have you ever misused the Name of the Lord in word or deed? If so, can you tell about what happened and what was wrong with what you did?

What does it mean to take God’s name in vain? Why do you think God gave us this commandment? Where have you witnessed a violation of this commandment this week? (Think of specific conversations, media, entertainment, etc.)

What are some of the ways we can use God’s name correctly?

The way that we use God’s Name conveys how we feel about Him. What have you communicated, by the way you have spoken God’s Name, this past week?

How does the way we speak the name of God affect the way others perceive Him?

What is one practical step you can take to honor God’s Name this week?

How can you restate this commandment positively, as a freedom?

God said, "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God..." - **Exodus 20:7**

Jesus said, "Do not swear at all..." - **Matthew 5:34**

Closing thought: Do you ever misuse the Name of God?