

Horizontal Commands (Exodus 20:12-17)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- The fifth commandment of God is to honor your father and mother and is accompanied by an implication or promise for the people of Israel. What is that implication?
- Why does honoring your father and mother lead to life going well or living long in the land?
- Is the command to honor your father and mother specific to children? What does it look like to honor your father and mother as a child? How about as an adult? Mahatma Gandhi famously said: 'the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members'. The elderly in our communities are part of the most vulnerable members of society, how does this commandment provide for the elderly? How do you care for the elderly in your own life?
- A willingness to murder communicates something about the value of another human being. What does it say about them? What does it say about you? If God values life, can you walk in the way of God if you do not value life? What is your view towards the value of life? Why do you feel that way?
- Closely akin to honesty is reliability or faithfulness to others. If we are unfaithful to others, what does that say about their value? What does it say about our view of right and wrong? Does circumstance play a role in establishing whether your actions are right or wrong?
 - What does faithful devotion to others say about their value? What does it say about your value?
- What motivates you to tell a lie? What do you need to believe about God to become convinced that lying is the best path forward in your life? How do lies affect others around you? How do lies affect you?

EXODUS

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FAMILY QUESTIONS

- Would a life lived consistently with the values God displays in his commands be wonderful or terrible? Why?
- What does it mean to honor or value someone in your life? Who are we called to honor and why?

WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform
- Ashley & HanWa, Asia
- Ron Rasmussen, Elder
- Michael Hansen, Associate Pastor of Student & Young Adult Ministries
- Worship Arts (Audio/Visual) Teams
- Faith United Methodist Church, Neenah
- Those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus (Col 4:2-4)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

John 14:18-21 (ESV)