

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

Matt. 7:21-23

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE PROFILE OF SOMEONE USING GOD'S NAME IN VAIN
2. WHAT IT MEANS TO TAKE GOD'S NAME IN REALITY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. How have you historically thought of the command "don't take God's name in vain?" What changed about your view of the command after Sunday's teaching?
3. Taking God's name in vain has less to do with profanity and more to do with hypocrisy. What is the difference? Read Matt. 7:21-23 as a group and look at the type of person Jesus is talking to. In what ways were they taking Jesus' name in vain?
4. In Matthew 7:21-23 we see that the type of person who takes God's name in reality (instead of in vain) is the one who does the will of God. What does it mean to do the will of God? What is the difference between doing good things and doing the will of God?
5. One way to know if you have surrendered yourself to the will of God is to look at how you respond when God says something you don't like. When was the last time that you read something in the Bible that you disagreed with? What did you do in response?
6. What is God currently calling you to face, to do, to accept, to change, etc.?
7. Do you know you can trust God completely? Why or why not?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Jesus never asked us to do anything He wasn't willing to do for us. He surrendered His will in the garden of Gethsemane and willingly went to the cross on our behalf. When we aren't sure if we can trust that God truly wants what is best for us, all we need to do is look at the cross.