

THE STORY OF REDEMPTION: EXODUS 20:13

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Why might God have chosen to phrase this commandment in the negative (you shall NOT) as opposed to the positive (you SHALL), like in the previous command?
3. How many degrees removed would a person have to be from an act of murder to remain in sin? For example, is it a violation of this commandment to order the killing another? Or what if you were in a position to deny insurance coverage to someone who ultimately died because they lacked it?
4. Many use this verse, in conjunction with verses like 1 Samuel 15:3 and Deuteronomy 20:16-18, to say that Scripture is inconsistent. How would you respond to this claim?
5. What can Christians do in the face of the staggering statistic that abortions were the leading cause of death worldwide in 2018?
6. What categories of life, other than the unborn, does our culture seem to devalue, and why?
7. Reading Matthew 5:21-22, what have you found to make living out the truths Jesus says about this commandment harder or easier in your own life?
8. Write a scenario related to this commandment which appears to be in a "grey area" (i.e. killing for self-defense, killing one person to save the lives of a hundred others, etc.). With any remaining time, discuss these scenarios with your group to find scripturally sound conclusions to whether they are right or wrong.