

SERMON-BASED STUDY: KIDS AND MURDER

Exodus 20:12-13, ESV – ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This week we were reminded to make honor a family priority. Why is it so important for honor to be a family priority?

2 How does honoring our parents change when we become adults? How does it stay the same?

3 We also learned that murder is more than just the act of taking another life. How is the heart the starting point of murder?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Ephesians 6:1-4, ESV** – *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

4 Looking at the passage above, what is the connection between the instructions given to children and the instructions given to fathers?

5 How is the promise that comes with this commandment a greater promise for the family, community and nation as a whole?

6 In what ways can and should we honor our parents? How do we sometimes dishonor our parents?

B **Matthew 5:21-26, ESV** – ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

7 Looking at the passage above, we see that Jesus makes a correlation between murder and anger. Why do you think He makes this connection?

8 What does this teach us about the way Jesus values human life and relationships? How does this change the way you view relationships?

9 Jesus gives clear instructions on how to remedy situations where someone has something against us or vice versa. Why is there a sense of urgency in Jesus’ instructions?

TAKING IT HOME

This week we were reminded of the importance of honoring our parents and not murdering others in our own hearts. How are you doing with following these two commands? What things need to change in your life to better obey God in these areas? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to honor God by honoring your parents and others.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Genesis 9:6
Deuteronomy 21:18-21
Luke 2:51
Romans 13:9
Colossians 3:20
1 John 3:15