

NEWS, EVENTS & BIRTHDAYS



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Week 3:
That's Not
My Name



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

→ Family Birthday Celebration

CALENDAR:

- BIG STUF- June 14-18!
- Family Birthday Celebration- May 2.

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Week 3: That's Not My Name

Bottom Line: When you use the name of God to dodge the will of God, you will ultimately miss out on God entirely.

Message Overview:

Have you ever said God's name when you were angry or rattled off "OMG"? If so, you may have heard someone talk about you breaking one of the Ten—the one about misusing God's name. But there's much more to this command. Just think about it, do you think that's all God was concerned about? Do you think that was the only reason He put it on such an important list? The reality is that we abuse God's name when we choose to use it for our own selfish purposes—and that's a dangerous game that involves more than just a careless slip of the tongue. If we dodge the will of God in the name of God, then we run the risk of missing God entirely.

Scripture References: Exodus 20:7; Luke 19:45-46; Mark 7:13; 1 John 1:9

Questions:

1. What did you think of the talk this week? What did you hear the speaker say?
2. Had you heard of this commandment before today? What did you think this commandment meant?
3. Having a better understanding of what this commandment really means, why do you think it matters so much to God?
4. Have you ever used someone's name (a parent, a teacher, a relative, a friend) to make something happen you wanted, but they wouldn't necessarily be on board with? What did you do? Did that person find out? How did he or she respond?
5. The Pharisees were perfect examples of using God's name to get what they wanted at the expense of other people. (See Luke 19:45-46 and Mark 7:13 for examples.) What are some examples of people in history using God to get what they want? (examples: justify slavery, racism, etc.)
6. Why is using God's name to get what we want really dangerous?
7. How might you be tempted to use God's name to get what you want? Can you think of times when you have done this in the past without realizing it? What happened?
8. Do you know of things in your life God is not okay with you doing, but you have used Him to justify doing them anyway? How is this manipulating God and misusing His name? How are you creating loopholes when you do this?
9. Is being religious the same as knowing God? How is it different? Is it easier to be religious or to know God? Why?
10. This commandment isn't so much about the sins themselves we commit—it's about how we rationalize them, and in doing that misrepresent God. What would it take for you to be honest with God and stop rationalizing?
11. If you claim to be a Christian, you are living in the name of God. Is your life reflecting positively or negatively on God's name?

The Next Step:

The best way to know what God is *not* about, is to know what He *is* about. And the main way we know that is by getting to know Him through His Word, the Bible. Encourage students to read their Bibles to get to know who God is.