

▶ GLENSTONE CHAPEL ◀
Community Group Bible Study Guide

Passage: Exodus 20:7

For use June 29 – July 5, 2008

**QUESTIONS TO USE IN GROUP
OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY**

LAUNCHING ¹ [5-10 minutes]

1. When was the last time you had to make a pledge or swear an oath? What were some of the elements of the pledge or oath? Did you think about what you were swearing or pledging to?

OR

2. When was the last time you heard someone swear? How did it make you feel? When was the last time you heard someone take the Lord's name in vain? What was your reaction? How did it make you feel?

OBSERVATION [10 minutes]

1. Read the passage aloud. Ask someone who is often reticent to volunteer comments in group discussion to read.
2. What "jumps out" at you in this verse?
3. What phrase or phrases are repeated in the passage? Why do you think it is repeated?
4. What is revealed about the nature of God in this verse?
5. What kind of response does God have for those that misuse his name?

INTERPRETATION [10-15 minutes]

1. Throughout the Exodus story, how has God revealed himself to the Israelites?

2. How does the history of the Israelites matter to this passage? What kind of culture did the listeners' come out of?

3. How do these verses relate to the previous week's (Exodus 20:1-5) passage?

4. What do you think the phrase "will not hold anyone guiltless" means? What emotions does this stir up inside of you?

APPLICATION [10 minutes]

1. How are some ways that we misuse the name of God? What does this say about our attitude towards God? What should our attitude towards God be?

2. What kind of relationship does God want to have with us? How is this revealed in verse 7?

3. What is God demanding of us in verse 7? Are we willing to do what He demands?

4. Do you find yourself convicted of anything after thinking through this passage together?

¹Choose a question to move thinking into the theme of the passage; **note**, this is not an *ice-breaker*.

