

▶ GLENSTONE CHAPEL ◀
Community Group Bible Study Guide

Passage: Exodus 20:13

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

LAUNCHING ¹ [5-10 minutes]

1. Tonight we are going to be looking at the sixth commandment “Thou shall not murder.” Of the commandments we have studied so far, which one has impacted you the most? Why?

OR

2. Tell the group about a time you became angry at work or at home? What was the situation? What was the outcome? Looking back, was it worth it?

OBSERVATION [10 minutes]

1. Read the passage aloud. Ask someone who is often reticent to volunteer comments in group discussion to read.
2. What are the Israelites called not to do?
3. Read Mt 5:21-22.
4. What “jumps” out to you from the Matthew passage?
5. What are the differences you see between the Matthew 5 and the Exodus 20 passages? How are they similar?

INTERPRETATION [10-15 minutes]

1. How has Jesus “raised the bar” in interpreting this Commandment?
2. What is the difference between murder and anger? How are they related?
3. What is the new standard of right and wrong that Jesus is creating?²
4. Read Gen 4:1-8. What was the cause of Cain’s murder of Abel?
5. How are anger, jealousy, and murder related?

APPLICATION [10 minutes]

1. How can we protect ourselves from becoming jealous or angry? What about selfishness?
2. Did these passages stir up any emotion in you? Would you be willing to share them with the group?
3. How should we, as followers of Jesus, live our lives in light of these passages? What changes do you feel you need to make?
4. How should we interact with the world around us?
5. 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*.

² Taken from *The Serendipity Bible*.

