

Digging Deeper

Series: Ancient Words for a New Life

Sermon: **Murder, He Wrote**

Scripture: Exodus 20:13



GETTING STARTED

What effect, if any, do you think violent acts depicted on television, movies, video games, etc. have on society in general?

BIBLE STUDY

1. What do we read in Genesis 1:26-27 and in Genesis 2:7 that helps us to understand why man is such a special aspect of creation to God?
2. Read Psalm 139:13-16. How would you describe the Psalmist's attitude towards God in these verses?
 - What do these verses teach us about God's perspective towards the unborn? (See also Jeremiah 1:5)
3. How does an appreciation for our special relationship with God affect our perspective towards the 6th Commandment found in Exodus 20:13?
4. Many translations (like the NIV) use the word "murder" in Exodus 20:13, rather than the word "kill" to distinguish the act of murder from other forms of killing, like an accidental or unintentional taking of a life, or death that occurs through wars. Why do you think God draws such a distinction in Scripture?
5. Why does Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:20-22 take our understanding of the sixth Commandment to a new level?

APPLY IT

Is there anyone in my life towards whom I harbor such bitterness, resentment or anger that I am in danger of offending the Lord?

- Get right with the Lord by confession and seeking forgiveness.
- Get right with that individual.