



For Further Study March 5 – 11

1. Read Exodus 20:7 – the third commandment. What teachings have you heard or read around this commandment? What role has it played in your daily life?
2. What names of God, revealed throughout scripture, have been important in your life? Is there a time where you have leaned on God more fully through one of these revealed names?
3. The commandment includes a stern warning to those who would take His name in vain. Why do you think God feels so strongly about His name?
4. Read Romans 2:21-24, as well as Leviticus 22:31-32. Can a person disobey the other commandments without breaking the third commandment? How does one break the third commandment by not obeying the rest of God's Law?

5. Read Psalm 145 – a psalm of David, a “man after God’s own heart.” What do you see in David’s response to who God is – to the name of God?

6. What is our culture's attitude toward the use of God's name? Do the people you come into contact with have a reverence for God's name? In what ways do people show it (or fail to show it)?

7. Read Matthew 15:7-9. Have you ever treated this commandment this way – believing it was a commandment that affected only your speech and not your heart? What difference does this perspective make?

8. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What is required of you in order to bear the Lord’s name with the reverence and honor it deserves? How will you live into that commandment this week?