Edge: Thou Shall (Week of Mar. 28)

On The Second Commandment - Be Named!

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"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

GATHER: What's In A Name?

• Discuss how you chose your child's name and its significance. Look up the meaning of your name online or in a baby name book just for fun.

CONNECT: The second commandment tells us not to use the Lord's name in vain. We should never use the name of God lightly, without thinking, or for any purpose other than to praise and adore Him. Our names also have great significance. This means we should respect our names, respect the names of others, and continually grow in holiness. Diane explores the layers of the second commandment in Be Named!

EXPLORE: Main Points to Take Away

- The second commandment tells us not to use the Lord's name in vain. When we use God's name in vain, we are belittling God and putting ourselves higher than Him, disregarding the true nature and holiness of God.
- The name of God should always be used reverently and respectfully. We should never use His name lightly, without thinking, or for any purpose other than to praise and adore Him.
- Our names also have great significance. This means we should respect our names, respect the names of others, and continually grow in holiness.

Discussion from Diane's Proclaim

What's in a Name?

Discuss the following questions:

- If you could have any name but your own, what would you name yourself and why?
- Why do you think it is so easy to throw around words, especially names, lightly?
- Ask one of your teens to read Matthew 5:33-37. What does this mean to you?

Note from NABRE on Mt 5:37. Some have understood this as a milder form of oath, permitted by Jesus. In view of Mt 5:34, "Do not swear at all," that is unlikely... Oath taking presupposes a sinful weakness of the human race, namely, the tendency to lie. Jesus demands of his disciples a truthfulness that makes oaths unnecessary.

REFLECT

Names for God

Look through all of the names for God on page 11 of your booklet. Note which ones stand out to you, and look up their Scripture reference. Discuss which names stood out to you and why. *Close in prayer*.

LIVE IT

When you pray this week, pray using the name (or names) for God that have meaning for you.