

PLAYING GOD

The Sixth Commandment

“You shall not murder.”

Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17; see also Genesis 1:29-30; 9:1-3, 6;
Exodus 21:12-14, 22-24; 22:2-3; Leviticus 24:17; Numbers 35:16-21, 31;
Deuteronomy 7:1-2; 20:16-17; Matthew 5:21-22; Mark 7:20-21; 1 John 3:15

How to nip anger in the bud:

1) _____.

Luke 6:27-29

2) _____.

Ephesians 6:17-18; see also Proverbs 29:11; Ephesians 4:26-27; James 1:19-20

3) _____.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

4) _____.

1 Timothy 1:15

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Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Read Genesis 1:27, Genesis 9:6 and James 3:9. Do you think human beings have any more value than other species? How does your answer to that question affect your perspective on murder?
2. What is significant about the fact that God used a murderer to prohibit and penalize murder? How do you think Moses felt about playing that role? Can you relate to that feeling? If so, why?
3. Read Exodus 21:22-24. What are some ways that human lives are ended prematurely today that might qualify as murder? Of those, which do you believe are forbidden by the Sixth Commandment? Why?
4. Read Matthew 5:21-22. How does this passage tweak your definition of murder? Do you believe you are guilty of what Jesus condemned in this passage?
5. Of the four strategies for nipping anger in the bud that we discussed on Sunday, which one do you think will help you the most? How will you employ that strategy this week?