

DON'T MURDER

A COMMAND FOR LIFE IN A CULTURE OF DEATH

Sermon Questions

1. The Hebrew word "murder" can also mean killing without intent (manslaughter). (True/False)
2. The sixth commandment also prohibits:

Just war (Yes/No)	Self-defense (Yes/No)	Death penalty (Yes/No)
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3. List the five sins that are said to be violations of the sixth commandments:
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____
 - v. _____
4. Human life is protected under God's law because life is a stewardship from God. (True/False)
5. If we want to see a reversal of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), we need more _____
6. Abortion is murder. (True/False)
7. Numbers 35:33 teaches us that God will not tolerate a land polluted with _____.
8. When people view themselves as "gods," _____, not life follows them.
9. Give two things that the sixth commandment prescribes:
 - i. Acts of _____
 - ii. Gospel _____

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon affirmed that the sixth commandment does not forbid just war, self-defense, or the death penalty. How does holding these biblical distinctions help us respond to cultural accusations that Christians are inconsistent when we are “pro-life” yet support capital punishment or national defense?
2. Which of the five root sins mentioned—anger, slander, hatred, envy, or retaliation—do you most often see at work in your own heart? What specific situation has God brought to mind today, and what practical step of repentance and replacement (with love, truth, or contentment) will you take this week?
3. The sermon showed that the sixth commandment protects human life from conception to natural death. In what ways has our culture tried to redefine or devalue life (abortion, MAiD, etc.)? How does the biblical truth that every person is made in God’s image change the way you think, speak, or act toward the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, or the suffering?
4. The commandment not only says “Don’t harm life” but calls us to actively promote and care for life. In your own sphere of influence (home, workplace, church, neighborhood), what is one concrete way you can nurture physical life (acts of mercy) and spiritual life (gospel proclamation) this week?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. God says, “Do not murder,” which means we should never hurt people on purpose. But Jesus also said that being angry with someone or calling them mean names is like breaking this rule too. Can you think of a time when you got angry or said something unkind? What could you do next time to choose kindness instead?
2. God made every person special because we are made in his image—like a picture of him! That means every life is very important, from tiny babies in their mommy’s tummy to old grandparents. What are some ways we can show we care about and protect people’s lives (like being kind to a baby brother or sister, helping someone who is sick, or praying for people who feel sad and alone)?