

# IN VAIN

BEARING GOD'S NAME  
TO A WATCHING WORLD

## SMALL GROUP LESSON • WEEK OF 3/17/2024

### Bearing God's Name Today

**Main Texts:** Exodus 20:1–8; Philippians 2:6–11

“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.” (Exodus 20:7)

**Goal of the Group Time:** To consider the things in life to which we have attached Jesus' name, that He may or may not have if He was still on earth. Do we misrepresent him with our allegiances? Do we ever go too far to where we are actually bowing down to those things and not Jesus?

**Break the Ice:** Share with the group: Outside of being a Christian, what is one thing in this life that you are most passionate about?

#### Scripture: Exodus 20:1–8

1. Summarize the commandments in this section of Scripture.
2. How are these commandments different from the ones that come directly after them in Scripture?
3. What connections can you make between not having other gods before the Almighty God and not bearing His Name in vain?
4. We don't have other gods like they did then, but what are the things of this world that could represent threats to God in this way? This week's sermon focused on political allegiance—with what other things can people become obsessed?
5. How does a person know they have gone too far?

#### Life Application Questions:

1. How have these things convicted you? Is there something in your life to which you have given too much time, attention, or money?
2. What is one thing you can do or change this week to better represent God to the world?