



Group Discussion and Application

1. From your own observation, what is the most common way God's name is taken in vain?
2. A number of examples of taking God's name in vain were suggested in the sermon. What other misuses of God's name come to mind?
3. Explain how the following constitute taking God's name in vain:
 - Hypocrisy
 - Praise or prayer without heart, thought, or belief
4. How does misusing God's name misrepresent God?
5. How might we respond to those who take God's name in vain?
6. What do you think of the use of expressions like "gosh, jeez, lordy, etc."?
7. What does it mean to do something (e.g., pray, baptize) "in the name of" the Lord?
8. What are some specific actions we can take to honor God's name?
9. What are some of the names of God? What does each teach us about Him?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. In what ways do you misuse God's name?
2. What will you do to show greater respect for God's name?
3. Do a personal study on the names of God.



Family Homework

1. Do a family study on the various names of God.
2. What does it mean to pray "in Jesus' name"?
3. Sing some of your favorite songs about our Lord's name.



What's in a Name?

Exodus 20:7

The 3rd Commandment:

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain."

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What is the significance of a name?

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What is the significance of God's name?

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What is using a name in vain?

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What is the misuse of God's name in practice?

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What is the proper use of God's name?