Exodus 20:7

**Danger – High Voltage!**

1. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when reading the 3rd Commandment? (Exodus 20:7)
2. Read Psalm 19:7-11, 14. List some characteristics of the law. What are some practical ways that the law affects our relationship with God? With other people?
3. Romans 7:7b says, “I *would not have known what sin was except through the law.”* What is the function or purpose of the Ten Commandments according to this verse? Why is that important?
4. How does how we think of God affect our attitude towards Him? As in any relationship, why is this important?
5. How do we misuse God’s name verbally? Give some examples of irreverent uses of God’s name? Are there any common euphemisms that we use to substitute for the real names? Is this important or not? Why?
6. What verbal formulas might people use to try to manipulate God to do their bidding? Read John 14:13-14. How do we find a balance between believing God will fulfill His promises and the misuse of scripture for our own benefit?
7. Explain how we can take the Name of our Lord in vain when our actions contradict our words; our life contradicts our profession?
8. Elton Trueblood states, *“…this commandment is a warning against taking God lightly…we break this commandment when we say we believe in God and that we accept the ideals of His Kingdom, but don’t take Him seriously.”* Give some examples of how we fail to take God seriously.
9. Read Psalm 19:14. How will our lives be different if we pray this prayer and live it out on a daily basis?