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Small Group & House Church Bible Study

Commandment 6 – “You shall not murder”

Pray and ask God to speak to your group as you open the Bible together. Read Exodus 20:13

1. While most people may not have committed murder, the application of this commandment extends into every part of our lives. We make choices every day that promote life or promote death. Read Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 40, QA’s 106.  
How does it define a murderous spirit? How might that play itself out in speech, business, family, and our everyday interactions with others? Feel free to share life experiences with one another.
2. Read 1 John 3:11-18. What is the relationship between love, hatred and murder in this passage? How does Jesus orient us towards a life of love?
3. Genesis 1:27 tells us that God created all of humanity in His image! This means that all people have incredible worth and value to God! We are called to uphold that value. What is the opposite of “You shall not murder”? What does it look like for followers of Christ to stand up for and live lives that promote life? (For more ideas you can look at QA 107)

In a time of prayer together, repent and ask God to forgive you for the many times you may have a murderous spirit in your words, actions and thoughts. Thank God for the saving work of Jesus who can give us a new heart, and provides for us an example of perfect love. After prayer, consider brainstorming ways to promote life together in the coming week.