



Cuyahoga  
Valley Church

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 2.18.24  
Exodus 20:13// Rick Duncan

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip  
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

## ① CONNECT (10 MIN)

Share a time when you felt you had to choose between standing firm in your beliefs and maintaining a relationship. How did you navigate this situation?

## EXPLORE (30 MIN)

### Create Context (5 min):

Watch the Sermon Recap Video [HERE](#).

### Study & Discussion (25 min)

- ② In his sermon, Pastor Rick asked three questions that he used as his outline: 1) What does the 6th Commandment not forbid? 2) What does the 6th Commandment forbid? 3) What does the 6th Commandment require?
  - What were some of your main takeaways from these three questions in the sermon?
- ③ Read Exodus 20:13 and Matthew 5:21-22 – In the Matthew passage, how does Jesus expand our understanding of the commandment “You shall not murder?” What does this say about our heart posture and how it matters?
- ④ Read Genesis 9:6 - How does this verse inform our understanding of the sanctity of human life?
- ⑤ Read Ephesians 4:31-32 - How do Paul’s words about bitterness, anger, and forgiveness tie into the broader theme of the 6th commandment?
- ⑥ Read Deuteronomy 32:39. God is sovereign over life and death. As Christians, how should this impact our views on issues like euthanasia and suicide?



- ⑦ What does it look like for us as Christians to value and see other people the way that God does, specifically when we disagree with someone over weighty issues (Hint: remember that every person is created by God and every person is someone with whom we are called to share and live out the gospel)? To put it another way – how can we live out our gospel witness in the way that we disagree with people?

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Sunday Sessions: Baptist Faith and Practice - The Lord's Day; Raquel Schors:  
[https://open.spotify.com/episode/1O7NEEpFlGcoqOokl5u3A7?si=kyucJR82RpCpj\\_V13N2egQ](https://open.spotify.com/episode/1O7NEEpFlGcoqOokl5u3A7?si=kyucJR82RpCpj_V13N2egQ)
- The Gospel Coalition - Knowing the Bible: Exodus:  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-the-bible-exodus/>

## APPLY (20 MIN)

- Reflect on areas of your life where anger or unkind words may have hurt others. How can you seek reconciliation and demonstrate the love of Christ in these situations?

## PRAY (15 MINS)

- Pray for wisdom in upholding the sanctity of life in all its forms. Ask God to help you respond to challenging moral and ethical issues with grace, truth, and love.



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# EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 2.18.24

Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

## CVC YOUTH

### **CVC Youth - Winter Retreat**

At CVCYouth's Winter Retreat, we are inviting students into a life of freedom in Christ, not out of obligation, but out of obedience. Join High School and Middle School students from all around North East Ohio as we enjoy one of our favorite weekends of the year. Winter Retreat 24, night & day will be filled with new friendships, fun memories, new adventures, and lots of laughs. You can register [HERE](#).



## CVC MEN'S MINISTRY

### **Walk Worthy Men's Conference**

You are invited to join the Walk Worthy Men's Livestream Conference on Saturday, March 2nd from 7:30-3:00pm at CVC. Walk Worthy is a one-day men's conference that provides biblical insight and encouragement to embrace God's calling for every role you fulfill—whether in your marriage, single life, parenting, church, career, friendships, and especially your relationship with Christ. We'd love to have you join us at our Broadview Heights location where we will be live streaming the conference together. The cost to attend is \$20.00 and does include breakfast and lunch. You can text the word "WORTHY" to 440-276-5575. Registration closes February 26, 2024.