








## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

20-10-2024		10:6 – You shall not murder	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> Play a game of Murder Wink. Assign one group member the role of ‘detective’ and temporarily send them out of the room. The rest of the group quietly agree which of them will be the ‘murderer’. With the ‘detective’ back in the room, the ‘murderer’ must attempt to secretly/ discretely ‘murder’ group members by winking at them – without being spotted by the ‘detective’. Can the ‘detective’ correctly identify who the ‘murderer’ is?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> Why are so many films/ TV dramas/ books all based on murder? <input type="checkbox"/> What <i>is</i> murder? <input type="checkbox"/> Is <i>killing</i> ever justified? When? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is <i>murder</i> considered wrong in all societies/ religions? <input type="checkbox"/> Noone goes from <i>zero</i> to <i>murder</i> in an instant. How could uncontrolled attitudes/ emotions lead to murder? <input type="checkbox"/> Is violence always <i>physical</i> ? When is it verbal? Emotional? Spiritual/ religious? <input type="checkbox"/> How might <i>our</i> actions adversely affect <i>other people’s</i> quality of life or even life chances? How does ‘the 6 <sup>th</sup> ’ apply to world hunger? Climate catastrophe?		
 Read	<a href="#">Exodus 20:1-13</a>	 Listen again	<a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a>
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.13</a> : If murder is so obviously wrong, why was it necessary to include this, ‘the 6 <sup>th</sup> ’, in the 10: wisdom for life? What does that suggest life was like before? What was God’s motive in giving this particular saying/ Law? <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Genesis 1:26-27</a> : Why is human life so precious? Even sacred? <a href="#">Genesis 1:31</a> : Are humans ‘very good’ because of what we <i>do</i> or because of the ‘divine spark’ we <i>carry</i> / who made us? <a href="#">Genesis 9:6</a> : Why ultimately is murder wrong? <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Acts 9:1-2</a> : What makes emotions/ attitudes/ actions ‘murderous’? <a href="#">Acts 9:3-5</a> Who did <i>Saul</i> think he was persecuting? But who was the ‘ <i>me</i> ’? Why was it personal for <i>Jesus</i> ? How is being violent (be that physically, verbally, emotionally, or spiritually) towards those made in God’s image ultimately violent towards God? See also <a href="#">Matthew 25:34-40</a> . <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Matthew 5:21-22</a> : What does Jesus think murder starts with? Why is murder taking/ denying someone’s humanity? What’s the significance of “ <i>..or sister</i> ”? Why is violence towards women/ girls by men/boys a UK national emergency? Did you know?: 2 million women/girls (1 in 12) experience violence by men/boys (stalking, harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, murder) each year in England & Wales. 20% of all recorded crime is violence against women/girls by men/boys. <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Ephesians 4:26</a> : What’s the wisdom here? How might we apply this? <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Ephesians 4:27</a> : How does unchecked anger give evil/ the devil a foothold? <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Galatians 5:16-24</a> : How does this turn ‘the 6 <sup>th</sup> ’ from a Command into a Promise? You shall not murder <i>because I will...</i>		

<p>Go further</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Matthew 5:21-22</a>: What is the 'fire of hell' Jesus was referring to?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Greek word translated 'hell' is Gehenna (γέενναν). Gehenna was a real place outside Jerusalem where the city's rubbish and unvalued/ dishonoured corpses were burnt/ disposed of. It was a hellish sight/ smell of smouldering fire/ burning flesh.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In order to dump a body on a refuse tip, likes it is trash, why do you have to see it as an '<u>it</u>', not as a person?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Why is it a 'slippery slope' to speak of "others" in de-humanising language?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Why do we lose something of our own humanity when we deny/ take someone else's humanity? If we deny someone else's humanity, how do we risk being dumped on 'Gehenna'? How do we avoid the 'slippery slope' to 'Gehenna'?</li> </ul>
 <p>Reflect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?</li> </ul>
 <p>Do</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Educate yourself about the epidemic of violence against women/ girls: how to spot the signs, what to do, and how to be an ally.</li> </ul>
 <p>Pray</p>	<p>Pray for one another. Pray through the fruits of the Spirit.</p>
 <p>My questions:</p>	

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