

Before Small Group read James 5 verses 12

Fellowship time 7:00-7:30

Open in Prayer

Praise through song

Scripture Reading Together: James 5:12, Matthew 5:33-37 & Deut. 5:11

1. What kind of 'swearing' or 'oath taking' do we most commonly see today?
2. Maybe we don't use those words but what kind of commitments do we sometimes find ourselves making that can keep us from the great commission or doing something God has clearly commanded us to do (**see Matthew 15:3-6**)?
3. What does it mean to take God's name in vain? (see quote below) also Lev. 19:12.
4. In Judges 11 we recounted that Jephthah acknowledged another god (verse 24, see also 2 Kings 3:27) and made a vow to the one true GOD (verse 30) knowing that this would facilitate his sin of child sacrifice. This is an extreme example! In what lesser ways (hopefully!) do we find ourselves doing the same thing!?

Pastor G. Campbell Morgan said

*"The profanity of the church is infinitely worse than the profanity of the street;...the blasphemy of the **sanctuary** is a far more insidious form of evil than the blasphemy of **the slum**.... The prayer that is denied by the life, the praise offered to God which is counteracted by rebellion against Him when the hour of that praise has passed away, that is blasphemy, **that is taking the name of God in vain.**"*

8:20pm Prayer (**close group session**) and get into breakout time (**guys and gals separate**)
Wrap up 8:50