

First Presbyterian Church
Exodus 20:7
Small Group Questions/Sermon Notes
7/5/20

1. Prior to this message, how did you understand what it meant to be obedient to the third commandment?
2. How do you think it makes God feel when people throw His name around in casual conversation?
3. Have you ever felt like someone was trying to leverage God's name in order to support their own agenda? How did that make you feel?
4. Do you think that you've ever confused God's will with just what you wanted?
5. What is civil religion and what is good about it?
6. What are some of the ways that the God we meet in the Bible challenges the god that is popularly evoked by civil religion?
7. What are some specific ways that you feel God has invited you to partner with Him in His work in the world?
8. How might you phrase a prayer that could help you partner with His work in the world?
9. How do you feel about the invitation to call God "Daddy"?

Sermon Questions/Notes

What are three ways we can misuse the name of God?

What does it mean to use the name of God frivolously?

What does it mean to use the name of God falsely?

What is civil religion and how is it different than the gospel?

What does it mean to use the name of God in a phony way?

How does God's name help us partner with God for His mission in the world?

What are some different ways that we can enjoy fellowship with God through His name?

Key Scriptures/Concepts

Acts 4:12 and Romans 10:13

We are saved through the name of Christ

John 14:13

Praying in Jesus' name

Psalm 113

Blessed be the name of God

Galatians 4:6

We can call God Daddy

Civil Religion

The public religious dimension of a nation expressed in a set of beliefs, symbols, and rituals.

(Robert Bellah)