

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Exodus 20:13**  
**Small Group Questions/Sermon Notes**  
**7/26/20**

1. What do you value most about being alive?
2. Do you think that our society deems some lives more valuable than others?
3. What would be evidence of a society that highly valued the lives of the vulnerable?
4. Every human is made in the image of God and is inherently valuable. Are there individuals or groups about whom you find it harder to believe this?
5. If you do find it challenging to value certain individuals or groups, have you taken any steps to learn to appreciate them?
6. Jesus has invited us to share the words of eternal life with others. How important is that to your day-to-day life?
7. Jesus told us not to fear the one who can only kill the body (Matt 10:28). Do you think that Christians in our country do a good job living out that challenge?
8. Do you think that there is a connection between Christians valuing physical life and having the opportunity to share about eternal life with others?

**Sermon Questions/Notes**

What is included in the Bible's prohibition against murder?

How is the reason human life valued in the Bible different than the reason human life is valued in our society?

What groups of people are especially singled out to be protected from harm?

Why did God command that foreigners in the land were to be protected?

How did Jesus expand the meaning of the 6th commandment?

How does Jesus' resurrection impact how we value life as Christians?

**Key Scriptures/Concepts**

**Gen 4:10**

- The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.

**Exodus 21:29**

- If, however, the bull has had the habit of goring and the owner has been warned but has not kept it penned up and it kills a man or woman, the bull is to be stoned and its owner also is to be put to death.

**Exodus 22:21-24a**

- "Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt. "Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. My anger will be aroused

**Matt 5:21-22a**

- "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court.

**John 11:25-26**

- Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

**Matt 10:28**

- Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.