

The Big Ten



Lesson 3: When is it murder

6th Commandment

Exodus 20:13 “You must not murder. *New Living Translation SE*

9th Commandment

Exodus 20:16 “You must not testify falsely against your neighbor. *New Living Translation SE*

Human life is priceless in God’s sight

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and

over all the creatures that move along the ground.” 27 So **God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him;** male and female he created them. *New International Bible*

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. **Rule over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” *New International Bible*

All murder is killing; not all killing is murder

God established government to keep order, stop evil, and administer punishment

Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. **The authorities that exist have been established by God.**

Romans 13:2 Consequently, he who rebels

against the authority **is rebelling against what God has instituted**, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. **3** For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.

Romans 13:4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, **for he does not bear the sword for nothing**. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. **5** Therefore, **it is necessary to submit to the authorities**, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. ***New International Version***

When is it ok to take a life?

Governments can when someone commits murder

Genesis 9:6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man, **by man shall his blood be shed**; for in the

image of God has God made man. *New International Bible*

Just wars

Defending your nation
Delivering an oppressed nation

Psalm 82:4 Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people. *New Living Translation SE*

Jesus talking to a Roman Solder

Matthew 8:5 When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a **Roman officer** came and pleaded with him, **6** “Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain.” **7** Jesus said, “**I will come and heal him.**” *New Living Translation SE*

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Matthew 8:8 But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just

say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. **9** I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.” **10** When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, “I tell you the truth, **I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel!** *New Living Translation SE*

Self-defense

Exodus 22:2 “If a thief is caught in the act of breaking into a house and is struck and killed in the process, **the person who killed the thief is not guilty of murder.** **3** But if it happens in daylight, **the one who killed the thief is guilty of murder.** “A thief who is caught must pay in full for everything he stole. If he cannot pay, he must be sold as a slave to pay for his theft. *New Living Translation SE*

Jesus instructs His disciples to be ready

to defend themselves

Luke 22:35 Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you out to preach the Good News and you did not have money, a traveler’s bag, or an extra pair of sandals, did you need anything?” “No,” they replied.

Luke 22:36 “But now,” he said, “take your money and a traveler’s bag. **And if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one!** ***37*** For the time has come for this prophecy about me to be fulfilled: ‘He was counted among the rebels.’ Yes, everything written about me by the prophets will come true.”

Luke 22:38 “Look, Lord,” they replied, “we have two swords among us.” “That’s enough,” he said. ***New Living Translation SE***

Our future

Revelation 21:22 I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ***23*** And the city has no need of sun or

moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. **24** The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory. **25** Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there. **26** And all the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city. **27** **Nothing evil will be allowed to enter**, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. *New Living Translation SE*