

Leaders' Notes

The Ten Great Freedoms
Sermon #4

First Brethren Church of Sarasota, Florida
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Dear Growth Group Leader:

Blessings,

Pastor David

Freedom of intimacy with God

Exodus 20:7

The power in a name

Names express the character of the named.

Knowing someone's name suggests intimacy.

Taking someone's name suggests identification.

To use the name of God in vain...

To speak of God without reverence or meaning.

To break an oath made in God's name.

To falsely claim allegiance to God.

To falsely claim to speak for God.

To teach or believe falsehoods about God.

Why is God concerned about this?

Using God's name is an expression of intimacy with him.

God want us to use his name meaningfully.

God wants us to speak and act in his name.

Colossians 3:17

Home Bible Study

Freedom of intimacy with God

Getting started

1. Did any part of the sermon make you think?
2. How did you get your name? Do you know what it means? If so, what?

Leader, why don't you do some research on the names of the people in your group? www.behindthename.com is a good resource for the etymology of names.

3. Are you good at remembering names? How do you feel when someone remembers yours?

The name of God

4. The following are names of God in the Bible. How do you react to them? Are there any that speak to you especially at this time in your life?
 - a. My rock.
 - b. El Shaddai (God Almighty)
 - c. Yahweh (I am who I am, I will be who I will be)
 - d. Yahweh Rophe (I Am, the Healer)
 - e. Yahweh Rohi (I Am, the Shepherd)
 - f. Yahweh Jireh (I Am, the Provider)

Putting it into practice

5. Read Colossians 3:17. In what ways do you fulfill this command to do everything in the name of Jesus?
6. In what ways can you improve doing everything in Jesus' name?