

Fifth Commandment
You are not to kill

Read Exodus 20:13, Matthew 5:21-22, Matthew 25:42-43

1. Jesus “turned up the heat” on this Commandment by making it clear that being angry at someone is breaking it. (Matthew 5:21-22) Why do you think Jesus would say this?
2. Talk about some of the roots of murder and anger. How do those roots relate to the rest of the Commandments?
3. Can you identify ways you might be breaking this Commandment without actually ending someone’s physical life?
4. Luther recognized that this Commandment not only tells you what you are not to do, but it also tells you what you are to do. What do you think are some things God wants us to do, based on the Fifth Commandment?
5. Read Matthew 25:42-43. How do you think those verses relate to the Fifth Commandment?
6. Does God make any exceptions in this Commandment? In other words, does He limit the way He wants us to treat others to only our friends?