God led us to study 10 Commandments, and how APPLY! (summarize)

1) Ex. 20:3, "You will have no other gods before Me." God first!!

2) Ex. 20:4 "You will not make for yourselves any idol." Thing you cherish?

3) <u>Ex. 20:7</u> "You must not use name of the LORD your God thoughtlessly.

4) **Ex. 20:8** Remember to keep the Sabbath holy. REST!

4 commandments - our relationship with God. Next 6 - relationship people!
5) <u>Ex. 20:12</u> "Honor your father and your mother." *Prayer for God's Word...*

Now #6) "You shall not kill" (KJV) – most misunderstood commandment Hebrew word *ratsach* "You shall not <u>murder</u>" – <u>Ex. 20:13</u>

Deut. 5:17 You must not murder anyone. Most translations "murder". Not kill (broad) – instead very specific killing – murder... difference --

"kill" is to end a life for a good reason – killing plants and animals for food; or if someone is attacking you, self-defense against a man or animal;

"murder" is to take a life <u>without</u> a good reason. Hebrew implied meaning - <u>ALL HUMANS-GOD'S PROPERTY</u>. Apt...Leasing this body – really God's! Really commandment should say "murder" – original Hebrew language

Example – abortion. In US almost 3000 babies killed every day.
 Example – suicide. Some kind of bullying or DV or SIN of some kind!
 <u>Jer. 1:5</u> Before I made you in your mother's womb, I chose you.
 Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work.

Expansion by Jesus – <u>Matt 5:21-22a</u>²¹ You have heard that it was said to our people long ago, 'You must not murder anyone. Anyone who murders another will be judged.' ²² But I tell you, if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be judged. (anger w/o reason – counts as hatred – murder!)

Very first sons in world Cain and Abel Gen. 4:3-10 (summarize)

- Cain brought "some" food from ground as gift to God.
- > Abel brought best sheep firstborn of his flock. Lord accepted.
- God didn't accept Cain's gift (attitude good enough)
- Cain angry and felt rejected. Lord asked why...if you do well, I accept
- Careful Cain sin wants you! But you must overcome it!
- > Cain tells Abel let's go to field. Cain attacks and kills Abel. Bury?
- Later Lord says where is Abel?
- I don't know I am supposed to take care of my brother?
- Lord says what have you done? Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground!

<u>1 John 3:12</u> Do not be like Cain who belonged to the Evil One and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because the things Cain did were evil, and the things his brother did were good. And word "blood" in Hebrew – <u>plural</u>!

Be angry against sin, but just hate for no reason = murder. And if I hold hatred in my heart toward another person, I'm guilty of murder.

Lots anger/hate US – job discrim.; politics; police; neighbor; family; race "YOU SHALL NOT MURDER" = LEARN NOT HATE, BUT SET BOUNDARIES AND LOVE/FORGIVE, PRAY FOR PERSON

Opposite - forgive those that hurt/use/take advantage – <u>Matt 5:38-39, 43-44</u> ³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I tell you, don't stand up against an evil person. If someone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other cheek also. ⁴³ "You have heard it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your

enemies. ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. Scene from "<u>Pay It Forward</u>" She forgave, and set boundaries! Reminder of the meaning of forgive – not to accept the same behavior

Jesus said "you shalt not murder" – one of the commandments that you can have pride? I am more righteous than them?! No – hate counts as murder!!!

"I've never killed someone, but hate that jerk over there..." I broke it!! Hatred=murder, so hatred means "wishing person never born!" Hate – that! Jesus - think twice tendency to hate...that's murder! Always SIN involved.

(More ways of killing - hold) I know of a few people that have actually murdered someone. Yes that is horrible sin, but in God's eyes murder is equal to lying or anything you think small. All sin is same in God's eyes! Good news – any time I truly sorry, ask God for forgive me – He will do it! He will remove my sin and make me clean!! In the Bible – Moses, David, Paul, and many others were murderers! But God took away their sin!!

Now we want to focus on another murder - Jesus death on the cross. Today we celebrate and remember His death in communion – <u>1 Cor. 11:23-26</u> – Paul says, "²³ The teaching I gave you is the same teaching I received from the Lord: On the night when the Lord Jesus was handed over to be killed, he took bread ²⁴ and gave thanks for it. Then He broke the bread and said, "This is my body; it is for you. Do this to remember Me." *Eat the bread*

²⁵ In the same way, after they ate, Jesus took the cup. He said, "This cup is the new agreement that is sealed with the blood of My death. When you drink this, do it to remember Me." (Paul goes on to write in verse 26) Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are telling others about the Lord's death until He comes." *Drink the cup, and praise for forgiveness!*

Back on February 8th, we were blessed to go to Columbus, TX and join with the "Voice of the Martyrs Advance Conference" – that we heard the story of Christians – imprisoned or killed for their faith! <u>VOM Video</u>

Closing prayer for

- *b* thankful for learning more about #6 commandment
- hate counts as murder
- > Jesus wants us to learn forgiveness with boundaries
- > pray for persecution around the world and here in America
- > most of all, healing of hate/murder in our people and America