

# EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

1. **Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for giving us this opportunity to come together as a family and learn from Your Word.  
Thank You for the Ten Commandments. Forgive us as we fail to keep them and help us as we strive to follow them.

In Your holy and precious Name, Amen.

2. **Teaching:** Watch Lesson 17: The Eighth Commandment. Video link: <https://vimeo.com/204226975>

3. **Scripture Search:** Read through the following section of Scripture:

3.1. [Matthew 18:15-17](#), [Ephesians 4:25-32](#)

3.2. Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:

3.2.1. The Eighth Commandment, page 110;

3.2.2. [The Central Thought](#), page 110;

3.2.3. [Questions 83-87](#), pages 110-114

4. **Question Time:**

4.1. Why do you think God is concerned about protecting your name?

4.2. List as many examples as you can of the variety of ways we break this Commandment?

4.3. How does social media impact this Commandment? Talk about some of those impacts.

4.4. Luther wrote that we are to talk about everything our neighbors do in the most positive way possible. What do you think he meant by that? Give some examples of what that might look like.

4.5. What does Jesus tell us about how we are to handle it when someone sins against us? Re-read [Matthew 18:15-17](#) for this answer.

4.6. Vocabulary: [Gossip](#), [Perjury](#), [Neighbor](#)

5. **Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

Help me to always do what is right even when it is difficult. Help me to be careful with my words so that I always honor You and so I do not hurt my neighbor. Help me to speak the truth in love at all times.

In Jesus' Name, Amen