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**Message Title: Don't Misuse My Name**

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*This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.*

<b>Key Points</b>	
<b>1.</b>	I hope you enjoyed Tim Hawkins's video about Christian cussing in today's service. What are your go-to expletives that are appropriate?
<b>2.</b>	Names carry meaning, whether it's from their language of origin or within a family or culture.  What does your name mean?  How did you get it?  For the parents, what was it like to name your kids?
<b>3.</b>	We misuse God's name when we bear false witness about who God is. That happens with how we talk, how we invoke God's name, and how we live. We misuse God's name when we use harmful or inappropriate language and yet claim to be people of God. When and where are you tempted to use harmful or inappropriate language?  How could you improve in that area?
<b>4.</b>	We misuse God's name when we invoke it carelessly. Do you err more on the side of saying, "God told me," too often or too little?  When life isn't going well, whether it's small frustrations or huge crises, how do you talk about God?

5. We misuse God's name when we claim to be people of God but don't live like it.  
Read 2 Timothy 2:19.

What does it say about misusing the name of God?

How can we reflect the name of God well in a place like Moldova?

How can we reflect it well in central Virginia?

6. Read Colossians 3:17. For our prayer time, let's share what we need to thank God for.  
Then, let's give his name the credit and honor it deserves for all of the good things in our lives.

**Notes:**