

The Ten Commandments

God's law reveals our individual inability to live a holy life apart from Jesus.



GOD'S STORY
THE TRANSFORMATION FOR ADULT LIFEGROUPS

Exodus 20:1-17

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(Exodus 20:1-17) ¹And God spoke all these words: ²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³"You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³"You shall not murder. ¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵"You shall not steal. ¹⁶"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

COMMUNITY – CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

- What rule did you have the most trouble following as a child? Why was it so difficult for you?
- How different would your home be without any rules? How would it be the same? How about your workplace? Community?

CONTENT – EXPLORING GOD'S STORY

Have a volunteer read Exodus 20:1-3

- Why did the Israelites need these specific instructions from God?
- Why did He need to remind them of who He is and what He had done for them first?
- Given God's description of Himself, what would be the appropriate way to view His law?

Have a volunteer read Exodus 20:4-6

- We may not struggle serving multiple gods, but what are some modern-day idols people worship? How do these idols impact our relationship with God?
- In what sense do you think God is "jealous"? How is that different from the way a human might be jealous?

Have a volunteer read Exodus 20:7-11

- What are some ways we misuse God's name or take it lightly? In what ways may doing so harm our witness to those who don't know Him?
- How are Sundays different now than 50 years ago? What have we gained during that time? What have we lost?

Have a volunteer read Exodus 20:12-17

- How can learning these principles first through the home better equip us as Christians? How does this command relate to respecting God?
- How can we teach our children to honor this commandment? How can we as adults still honor our parents?
- If God had never given these principles for relating to others, what do you think our society would be like today?
- How can our thoughts and attitudes regarding these Commandments be just as harmful as acting upon them?
- What do the Ten Commandments reveal concerning our need for God?

COMMISSION – ENGAGING IN GOD’S STORY

- Why are our attitudes just as important as our actions? What do our attitudes reveal about our relationship to God? To others?
- How can our attitudes negatively impact our actions? Positively?
- How does the way we as Christians live have a bearing on whether our community lives according to God’s principles?

PRAYER: Thank God in prayer that He has given us His guidelines for living because He loves us and desires His best for us. Thank Him for sacrificing His Son on the cross for us and ask Him for help to live in obedience, both in attitudes and actions, to His quiding principles.

CONTINUE TO JOURNEY THROUGH GOD’S STORY

Bible Reading Plan:

DAY 1 – Exodus 32-33
 DAY 2 – Exodus 34-36:1
 DAY 3 – Exodus 40
 DAY 4 – Leviticus 8-9
 DAY 5 – Leviticus 16-17

KEY VERSE: Exodus 34:6-7

H.E.A.R. Method:

Highlight a verse or two.

Explain what the text means.

Apply the verse to your life.

Respond to God.

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 GOD together and BE CHANGED by Him in a
 way that will CHANGE THE WORLD.