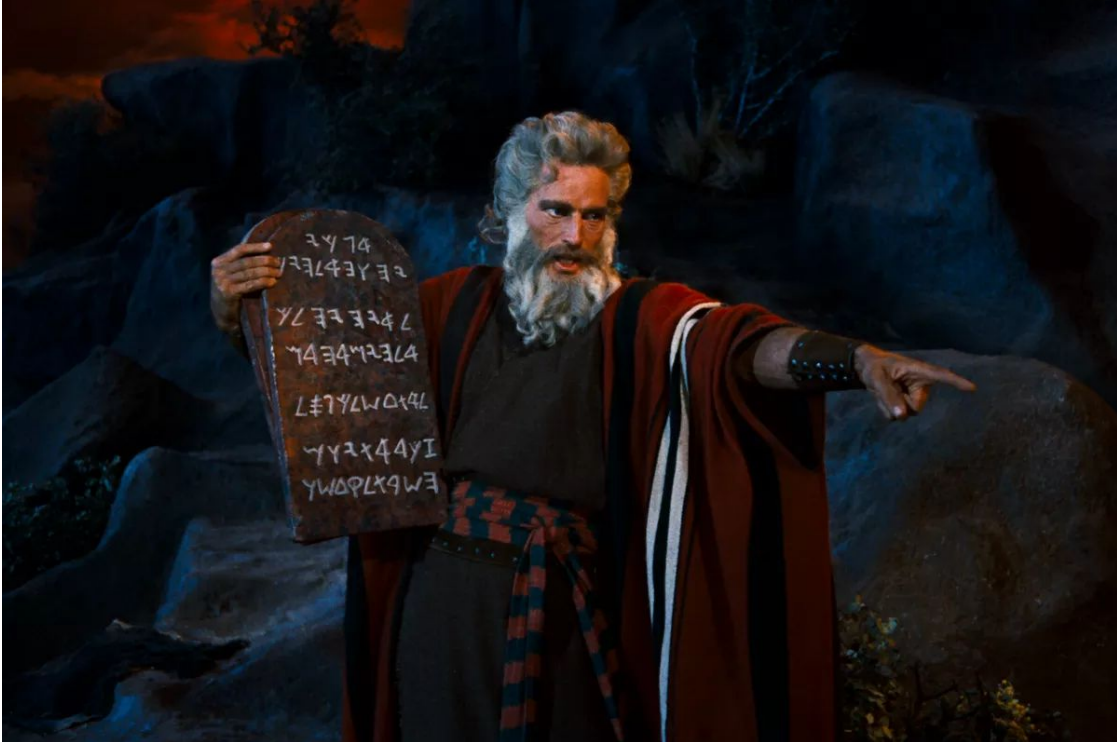


Small Groups and Home Study

Week of May 27th, 2018



Opening Prayer

A member of the group may open the time with prayer.

Focus on the Scripture :

Exodus 19:1-6, 20:1-17

1. Read from more than one translation of the Bible.
2. Are there any notable differences between these translations?
3. If any, name the main people, locations, events, things that are mentioned in the reading.
4. Which stories or events come before or after this reading? Do you see a connection?

Questions for Group Discussion

1. What comes to mind when you think of the "Ten Commandments"? How would you describe them?
2. God establishes the relationship to the people. How does God describe this relationship? Why is there a relationship between God and the people?
3. The first commandments are focused on God. How does this differ from the other commandments? What are their focus? What does this say about how we should orient our lives?
4. What does it mean that we should have no other gods before God? What does that mean in your life? What gods can you place ahead of God?
5. Do we make idols? What are our idols? What are your idols? What do they look like?
6. What is the Gospel message in the Ten Commandments? Where is the good news?
7. Jesus said that where our treasure is there our heart is also. (Matthew 6:21) What connection do you find with the Ten Commandments?
8. Jesus was asked, "What is the greatest Commandment?"(Matthew 22:36-40) How did Jesus respond? Why do you think the person asked that question?

It's important to realize that the order of the 10 varies depending on the tradition:

	Jewish	Catholic	Protestant
I	I am the Lord your G-d who has taken you out of the land of Egypt.	I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.	You shall have no other gods but me.
II	You shall have no other gods but me.	You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.	You shall not make unto you any graven images.
III	You shall not take the name of the Lord your G-d in vain.	Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
IV	You shall remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy.	Honor your father and your mother.	You shall remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy.
V	Honor your mother and father.	You shall not kill.	Honor your mother and father.
VI	You shall not murder.	You shall not commit adultery.	You shall not murder.
VII	You shall not commit adultery.	You shall not steal.	You shall not commit adultery.
VIII	You shall not steal.	You shall not bear false witness.	You shall not steal.
IX	You shall not bear false witness.	You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.	You shall not bear false witness.
X	You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.	You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.	You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.