
Small Groups and Home Study

Week of June 10th, 2018



Opening Prayer

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

Focus on the Scripture :

Exodus 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. Some find a pattern to the Ten Commandments. What do you see? Is there a reason the Ten are ordered the way they are? Do you see connections between each commandment? How would you divide or categorize the commandments?
2. "Do not kill." Does this include killing during acts of war? Capital punishment? Self-defense?
3. "Do not commit adultery." Why does this commandment follow the commandment to not kill? Is there a connection here between the two? What damage does adultery cause? Is murder or adultery more acceptable in our society?
4. "Do not steal." The Hebrew word for steal means more than just theft. It could mean that and the kidnapping of another. Where do you see this commandment being broken in our culture?
5. "Do not bear false witness." What does this commandment mean? How does bearing false witness against another fit the theme of the second half of the Ten Commandments? What are the consequences of a lie?
6. "Do not covet." The Ten Commandments are specific about what we are not to covet, what is included? Why is covetousness included on this list?
7. If you were to write an 11th Commandment, what would you add?
8. Jesus sums up the commandments in Matthew 22:36-40. How does Jesus' words help in your understanding of the Ten Commandments?
9. Jesus takes the Ten Commandments beyond our actions and applies them to the desires in our hearts. (Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28) Who is innocent in breaking these commandments then? What does Jesus take this extreme stance on the commandments?