

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

March 4, 2018 sermon:

Exodus: "Do we really understand the 10 Commandments?"

Warm up: (15-20 minutes)

Question for discussion:

1.) The term "the 10 Commandments" is well known even if most people don't truly understand their significance. While growing up, which did you associate most with the 10 Commandments?: The Charlton Heston movie? Something you memorized for a class or in school? Something quoted by adults to keep you in line? Something to help you get into heaven? God's "top 10" list of not-to-do sins? Other?

Digging deeper: (20-30 minutes)

1. The purpose of God's commandments has been misunderstood over time and yet still passed on in church and our homes. As we grow more in our faith and understanding of God's word, we have the opportunity to help family and friends more closely align with God's truth. How does Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 24-25 (which comes immediately after the 10 Commandments written out in Deuteronomy 5) help us better understand how to APPLY the principles of the 10 Commandments in our lives and families?

-What ACTIONS does God want the people to take?

2. Most people think that in our American culture that "not bowing down to idols" is a non-issue, yet an idol (other god) can be anything in life that we've made more important than God. Read the scriptures and discuss these possible idols/gods:

-Possessions: Luke 16:13, 1 John 2:15-17

-Relationships: Galatians 5:13

-Performance: Colossians 3:17

-Perfectionism: Romans 3:23

-Work/career: Luke 109:40-41

3. We are not "under the law", including the 10 Commandments, but there are still valuable principles we should apply to our lives today. Look at the Sabbath and God's reminder of our need for rest. What can we learn/apply from the following verses?

-John 7:37-39

-Hebrews 4:14-16

Application: (5-10 minutes) We are not under law but under grace. What about your view of God and His law needs to change? How much of your relationship with God is based on "performing" for Him, instead of trusting and following the Savior He provided?