

Community Group Discussion Guide

THE
10 COMMANDMENTS
A GOSPEL PERSPECTIVE

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The 10 Commandments reflect God's nature, reveal our need for God's grace, and guide us into godly living as a loving response to His redeeming work.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What do you think of the 10 Commandments? Do you see them as merely suggestions, restraints that restrict your freedom, or a good and gracious gift?
- What do the 10 Commandments reveal about God's nature and character? What do they teach us about ourselves?
- Why is it significant that God freed Israel from slavery *before* giving them his law? What did God expect of his redeemed and treasured people (Exodus 19:1-5)? What was God's calling for his redeemed people Israel? In the same way, what is the Church's calling?
- Before giving the law, what did God first declare about himself (Exodus 20:1)?
- Explain why the 10 Commandments are still relevant for us as New Testament (new covenant) Christians?
- Do you delight in God's law (Psalm 19:7-10)?
- Explain how salvation is not the *reward* of obedience but instead is the *reason* for obedience. How does the gospel motivate us to obey God's commands?
- As followers of Jesus Christ, when we fail to obey God's law, what are the grounds of our hope and joy?