

Five Things You Probably Didn't Know About The Ten Commandments

DID YOU KNOW?

- (1) The 10 Commandments were **SPOKEN**
before they were **WRITTEN**.
Exodus 20:1 & 22 Deuteronomy 5:3-4

- (2) The 10 Commandments were never meant to be
a path to **SALVATION**.
Deuteronomy 4:5-8 Romans 7:7 Matthew 5:17-48 James 2:10-11 Galatians 3:24

- (3) The 10 Commandments are simply the **FIRST**
of **613** commands God gave to Moses.
Exodus 21:1–23:32 Matthew 19:16-22

- (4) Only **9** of the 10 Commandments are
REPEATED in the New Testament.

- (5) We are **NO LONGER** under the 10 Commandments
or **ANY** of the other laws of Moses.
John 19:30 & Matthew 27:50-51 Galatians 3:24 Romans 6:14 Hebrews 10:1-14

THE PASSAGE: The First 10 Commandments

Exodus 20:1-26

- (1) You shall have no other **GODS**.
Exodus 20:3 1 Corinthians 10:20-22 Luke 4:8

- (2) You shall not make or bow down to an **IDOL**.
Exodus 20:4-6 1 Corinthians 5:11 & 10:6-7 Ephesians 5:5

- (3) You shall not misuse the **LORD'S NAME**.
Exodus 20:7 Matthew 5:33-37 Colossians 3:17 & 1 Timothy 6:1

(4) Keep the **SABBATH HOLY**.
Exodus 20:8-11 Colossians 2:16-17 Romans 14:5 Acts 15:19-27

(5) Honor your **FATHER** and **MOTHER**.
Exodus 20:12 Ephesians 6:1-3 1 Timothy 5:4 & 8

(6) Do not **MURDER**.
Exodus 20:13 1 John 3:15 Mark 7:21-23 1 Peter 4:15

(7) Do not commit **ADULTERY**.
Exodus 20:14/ Corinthians 6:18-20 Galatians 5:19-21 Hebrews 13:4

(8) Do not **STEAL**.
Exodus 20:15 Ephesians 4:28 1 Peter 4:15 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

(9) Do not **LIE ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBOR**.
Exodus 20:16 Colossians 3:8-9 1 Corinthians 5:11 Ephesians 4:25

(10) Do not **COVET**.
Exodus 20:17 Ephesians 5:3 Colossians 3:5

Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 17, 2016

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. This weekend Larry gave us "Five Things You Probably Didn't Know About The Ten Commandments." Of the five given, which one was most surprising to you?

2. 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?

- A Charlton Heston movie
- Something I memorized and can repeat to this day
- My parents quoted them to keep me in line
- Would help me get to heaven
- The ultimate sins you shouldn't do
- Other

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The purpose of God's commandments has been misunderstood over time and yet still passed on in church and in 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 follows 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?

Deuteronomy 6 *New International Version (NIV)*

Love the LORD Your God

¹ These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

²⁴ The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. ²⁵ And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."

What actions does God want the people to take in the verses above and how do they still apply to us today?

2. As most of us hear “you shall not make or bow down to an idol” we’re probably all thinking we’ve got this covered. Yet many of us are unaware that an idol (aka “other god”) can be anything in life that we’ve made more important than God. As you read through the following list, write down how each could become an idol. Next, read through the corresponding verses and jot down any truths or new insights that might help someone deal with an idol in their life.

Potential Idols

Read

Possessions

Luke 16:13 *New International Version (NIV)*

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

1 John 2:15-17 *New International Version (NIV)*

On Not Loving the World

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Relationships

Galatians 5:13 *New International Version (NIV)*

Life by the Spirit

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Performance

Colossians 3:17 *New International Version (NIV)*

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Perfectionism

Romans 3:23 *New International Version (NIV)*

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Work

Luke 10:40-41 *New International Version (NIV)*

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

⁴¹ “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things,

How might someone be able to determine the fine line between something being a priority and something being an idol in their life?

3. Larry mentioned that although we are no longer under the 10 Commandments, there are some useful principles we can apply to our life today. One of the more useful commandments has to do with the Sabbath and God’s reminder for us to rest. What can be learned in the following verses about how God can work in us when we take time for rest and refreshment?

John 7:37-39 *New International Version (NIV)*

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has

said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Isaiah 40:29 *New International Version (NIV)*

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

Hebrews 4:14-16 *New International Version (NIV)*

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Can you think of any times where God renewed or refreshed you in a similar way?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back on this weekend’s teaching, are there any new insights you want to put into practice during the next few weeks?