

9. God's Perfect Laws (Exodus 20:1-17)

Connect

- What are you thankful for today?
- How have you seen God working in your life this past week?
- What difficulties are you experiencing in life? How may we help?
- How did you apply last session's discovery? What happened?
- With whom did you share last session's discovery with? What was their response?

Instructions:

Please use the following steps to guide your discovery of God's truth in the passages below. Need to review the **Group Guidelines**?

Discover

Step 1-Participants take turns reading sections of the passage (clarify new words/terms)

Step 2-One person reads the entire passage out loud while the rest listen

Step 3-A participant retells the passage in his/her own words (others add their thoughts)

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1And God spoke all these words: **2**“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. **3**“You shall have no other gods before me. **4**“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. **5**You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, **6**but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. **7**“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. **8**“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. **9**Six days you shall labor and do all your work, **10**but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. **11**For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. **12**“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. **13**“You shall not murder. **14**“You shall not commit adultery. **15**“You shall not steal. **16**“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. **17**“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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Ask/Answer:

- What does this passage mean?
- What do you like/not like about this passage?
- How does this passage change the way you see God/people?

Respond: If this is true...

- How should it change the way you live?
- With whom will you share today's discovery?