



## ***The Ten Commandments***

**Exodus: The Way In | Part II of our Journey through Exodus  
Exodus 20 | May 10th - 16th , 2015**

**Warm Up:** Can anyone recite the Ten Commandments in order from memory? In general, how have you thought about and related to the Ten Commandments throughout your life? What do they mean to you personally?

❖ On Sunday, George mentioned that “to single out the Ten Commandments and set them up as a standard of conduct for unbelievers indicates a misunderstanding of the purpose of the Ten Commandments.” What does he mean by this?

- Why might setting them up as a standard for unbelievers be counterproductive?
- Is there any sense in which an awareness of the Ten Commandments can be good for those outside of a covenant relationship (like Israel had) with God?

❖ Read aloud the Ten Commandments in **Exodus 20:1-17**. Then take a few moments to read silently (or aloud) the following verses: **Matthew 4:10, 1 John 5:21, Matthew 12:36-37, Mark 2: 27-28, Matthew 5:3-4, Matthew 5:21-22, Matthew 5:27-28, Mark 10:19, Matthew 19:18** and **Luke 12:15**

- In looking at both the Old and New Testament verses concerning the Ten Commandments, discuss what they reveal to us about the character, nature, and heart of God? How does this minister to you personally?
- What do you notice about the New Testament verses which refer back to the Old Testament commandments? What kinds of differences do you see?

❖ The Ten Commandments were training for God’s people to live together in Canaan. It set them apart as a holy people, an ordered people, a Yahweh-honoring people, so that other nations would see them, and come to know the true God. Ultimately, they would know God through the person and work of Jesus Christ. Jesus came not to abolish the Law but to fulfill it (**Matthew 5:17-18**), and we who are *in Christ* are new creations, a people at rest in Christ and ministers of a new covenant that has been written on our hearts (**2 Corinthians 3: 7-11**).

- In light of all of this, how are we to relate (live out in this world) the Ten Commandments now that we are in a new covenant relationship?
- What should our motivation be? (These verses may help guide your conversation - **Matthew 22:36-40, Romans 13:8-10, John 14:21, Ephesians 5:1-5, James 1:25**)

**Wrap Up:** When God first placed Adam and Eve into his garden, it was the Lord’s good intention that we partake in His rest. But then sin entered the world and this “rest” was disrupted. Now in Christ we find our true sabbath rest! Close your time discussing what a Sabbath rest looks like today. Praise Him for the rest we have through Jesus!