



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **Intro to the 10 Commandments: Part 3 (Exodus 20:1-21)**

Date: **April 23, 2023**

### Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. How are the law and the fear of the Lord connected? How does the law, when properly understood, instill a greater fear of the Lord in us?
3. What is the difference between *negative* law and *positive* law? Why are negative laws unchanging? Why are positive laws able to be changed by God (i.e. the requirement of feasts and festivals under the Old Covenant)?
4. Do you agree with the conclusion that *"Each commandment contains a negative and positive commandment"*? Explain. Give examples of how this works.
5. Does each commandment only restrict the activity explicitly stated in that commandment or is the scope of what's forbidden wider than that? Explain.
6. Every commandment in Exodus 20, aside from the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment, seems to focus on our actions. How is it then that one can argue that the law applies and is concerned with the *heart* and its *affections*?



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7. What is the relationship between *love* for God and *obedience* to God's law in Scripture? Use Scripture to support your answer.
  
8. What are some worldly motivations for obeying the 10 Commandments that some may have at times? How can we identify these in our own lives and seek to replace them with a superior motivation: the love of God?
  
9. What is the ultimate goal of Christian living and obedience to God's law? In other words, why do we seek to obey God and live for him? Use Scripture to support your answer.
  
10. Read Psalm 119:14, 18, 20, 35, 52, 72, 97, 143, & 163. Why ought we to love and delight in God's law? What is it about the law that makes it worth rejoicing in? How can we grow and learn to love God's law the way David did?

**For Further Reading:** *"The Marrow of Modern Divinity"* by Edward Fisher