



## SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **The First Commandment (Exodus 20:1-21)**

Date: **May 21, 2023**

### Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. How should we respond to feelings of conviction, guilt, and shame when we hear the 10 Commandments preached?
3. The word “you” in verse 3 is you-singular. Why is this significant?
4. We are to have “no other gods” before God. Are there “other gods”? Explain the meaning of this phrase.
5. How is the first commandment and what it demands of us similar to the demands and expectations of a marriage covenant between a husband and wife?
6. John Trapp said, *“In this commandment, the keeping of all the other nine is commanded.”* Do you agree? Why or why not? How is it that any sin can be seen as a violation of the first commandment?
7. Pastor Jacob noted that the words *“before me”* could also be translated *“before my face.”* What does it mean to commit sin *before God’s face*? Which of our sins is committed *before God’s face*? Explain.



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8. How is Matthew 22:37-38 an expression of the first commandment?
  
9. When a society creates law or definition of justice that is above God's law, how is this a violation of the first commandment? What are some examples of this in our culture today? How do these examples amount to a first commandment violation?
  
10. What does the first commandment forbid in our own personal lives?
  
11. How are thanklessness and discontentment violations of the first commandment?
  
12. Ultimately, what does this commandment demand of our lives? Explain.