



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **The Fourth Commandment, Part 3 (Exodus 20:1-21)**

Date: **July 2, 2023**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. Read Exodus 20:8-11 carefully. What does the 4th commandment teach us about which day the Sabbath ought to occur on? Is it day-specific? Explain.
3. Please explain the following statement and how it applies to the 4th commandment: *"The aspects of a law that are based on natural law cannot be altered but the aspects that are positive law can be altered."*
4. How does gathering for worship on the Lord's Day (the first day of the week) now commemorate the *new creation*?
5. There are two givings of the moral law in the Old Testament. One occurs in Exodus 20, after the exodus from Egypt, and the other occurs in Deuteronomy 5, before the Israelites entered the promise land. Read Deuteronomy 5:12-15. What is the 4th commandment grounded in in this giving of the law? When was *our* redemption completed in Christ? Why is this significant as it pertains to our observance of the 4th commandment?
6. How do the special Old Testament sabbaths foreshadow a Lord's Day sabbath under the new covenant? Give examples.



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7. Show in Scripture how Jesus, the Jerusalem church, the Gentile church, the Corinthian church, and the Galatian church all gathered together on the 1st day.
8. Where do we get the phrase "Lord's Day" from? What does this phrase mean and imply about the sabbath?