

Insights on the Big 10

(Insights from Exodus 20:1-26)

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Not So Well Known Facts ...

- 1. They were not ...**
(Exodus 20:1-2, Deuteronomy 5:3-4)
- 2. They were not ...**
(Deuteronomy 4:5-8, Romans 7:7, 3:20, Galatians 2:15-16, 3:10-14)
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- 3. They were not ...**
(Exodus 21:1-23:32, Matthew 19:16-22)
- 4. They were not ...**
- 5. They were not ...**
(John 19:30, 17:3-4, Mat 27:48-51, Gal 3:23-26, Hebrews 10:7-10)

A Summary of the First 10 Commandments

- 1. You shall not have ...**
(Exodus 20:3, Luke 4:8, 1 Corinthians 10:20-21)
- 2. You shall not ...**
(Exodus 20:4-6, 1 Corinthians 5:11, 10:6-7)
- 3. You shall not ...**
(Exodus 20:7, Matthew 5:33-37, Colossians 3:17, 1 Timothy 6:1)
- 4. You shall not ...**
(Exodus 20:8-11, Colossians 2:16-17, Romans 14:5)
- 5. You shall ...**
(Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:1-3, 1 Timothy 5:4, 8)

- 6. You shall not ...**
(Exodus 20:13, 1 John 3:15, Mark 7:21-23, 1 Peter 4:15)
- 7. You shall not ...**
(Exodus 20:14, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Galatians 5:19-21, Heb. 13:4)
- 8. You shall not ...**
(Exodus 20:15, Ephesians 4:28, 1 Peter 4:15, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)
- 9. You shall not ...**
(Exodus 20:16, Colossians 3:8-9, 1 Corinthians 5:11, Ephesians 4:25)
- 10. You shall not ...**
(Exodus 20:17, Ephesians 5:3, Colossians 3:5)

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This Week's Discussion Guide:

Welcome to "Week 11" of this season of our small groups at GPC! After this week, we only have 2 more weeks to meet before our Easter celebration weekend.

Getting Started:

This past Sunday, Bob pointed out some 'not so well known facts' about the 10 commandments that are listed in Exodus 20. Of the five given, which one was most surprising/interesting to you?

The term 'the 10 Commandments' is well known even if most people don't truly understand the details surrounding them. While growing up, which did you associate most with the 10 Commandments?

- a certain movie (i.e. Charlton Heston as Moses or a more recent movie)
- something I memorized and can still repeat
- my parents quoted them to keep me in line
- a list that would help me get to heaven
- the ultimate sins you shouldn't do
- a list I saw on a wall somewhere else
- other ...

Digging Deeper:

1. The purpose of God's commandments has been misunderstood over time and yet still passed on in church and in homes. As we grow in our faith and understanding of God's Word, we have the opportunity to help family and friends more closely align with God's truth.

How does Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and v24-25 (which follows right after the 10 Commandments written out in Deuteronomy 5) help us better understand how to apply the principles of the 10 Commandments in our lives?

What actions does God want the people to take in the verses above and how do they still apply to us today?

2. As most of us hear "you shall not make or bow down to an idol" we're probably all thinking we've got this one covered. Yet many of us are unaware that an idol ('other god') can be anything in life that we've made more important than God. As you read through the following list, reflect on how each could become an idol. Next, read through the corresponding verses and reflect on any truths or new insights that might help someone deal with an idol in their life.

Potential Idols:

Related Passages:

Possessions

Luke 16:13, 1 John 2:15-17

Relationships

Galatians 5:13

Performance

Colossians 3:17

Perfectionism

Romans 3:23

Work

Luke 10:40-41

How might someone be able to determine the fine line between something being a priority and something being an idol in their life?

3. Look back over the 10 Commandments listed in Exodus 20:1-17. If you were on the base of the mountain hearing these for the first time, which one do you feel would be most difficult? Which of the 10 do you feel might be most misunderstood today?

4. Last Sunday we heard that although we are no longer under the 10 Commandments, there are still some useful principles we can apply to our life today. One of the more useful commandments has to do with the Sabbath and God's reminder for us to rest. What can be learned in the following verses about how God can work in us when we take time for rest and refreshment?

- John 7:37-39
- Isaiah 40:29
- Hebrews 4:14-16

Can you think of any times where God renewed or refreshed you in a similar way?

5. If you have more time, read and reflect on Romans 8:1-11. This was written right after Paul was discouraged by his lack of faithfulness to God as described in Romans 7. When we strive to 'keep God's standards' which we ought to, but can never do perfectly, reflecting on God's grace is a powerful thing.

WRAPPING UP ...

Based on last Sunday's message and our discussion, are there any new insights you want to put into practice during the next few weeks?

What prayer requests can we share so we can pray for each other before we close?