



Discussion Questions Jesus & The Ten Commandments Week One

When you hear the phrase “The 10 Commandments,” what comes to mind?

The Hebrew word Torah in the Bible is a word that means instruction between a father and his child. How does that shape or shift the way you view the commandments?

Read Exodus 20:1-2

What is the significance of God saving/delivering the people from slavery before he gives them the commandments?

Sometimes we think of the commandments as rules that constrain us, but they are actually meant to offer us flourishing & freedom. Discuss how that can be.

Read Exodus 20:3

The word for “gods” is the Hebrew word *ělōhîm*, which means ruler. In the verse prior, God says that He is our *ělōhîm*. In other words, He wants to be our ruler and not anything or anyone else. What besides God tends to drive or rule your life? What competes with Him to be god?

One of the ways we can begin to identify other “gods” in our lives is by noticing what makes us feel extremely good when we get it and what makes us feel devastated when we don’t. When you think about it this way, what comes to mind?

Read Mark 10:17-27.

What does this story that Jesus tells teach us about the 10 Commandments as a whole and specifically Commandment #1 - “*You shall have no other gods before me.*”