

THE BIG TEN

• All In Group Discussion Guide •
Week of Oct 9

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:10-14, 21

Then God spoke all these words,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Introductions:

- If you could have a conversation with one person who is no longer alive, who would it be and why?

Scripture Reflection:

- How does this week's passage connect to previous weeks?
- One of the first things God does with Israel after they escape slavery is to give them the ten commandments. Why do you think God does this?

Sermon Reflection:

- How do people in society today decide what is right and wrong? What are our “sources of moral truth” that guide us? Are these sources the same for everyone? Is there a such thing as “absolute truth?”
- Which of the 10 commandments is most difficult to follow? Why?
- Pastor Josh said that we can sometimes “worship the commandments,” using them as a way to obtain perfection before God and others. Do you see that in our world today? What are some examples?
- Pastor Josh said that Jesus’ interprets the commandments through the lens of loving neighbor and enemy. If that’s true, how does that change what Christian faith looks like in our daily lives?

Closing Question & Application:

- Given our discussion, how might God want you to apply your learning in your life or in your community in the next week? Who might you share this with?

Prayer: *(save a little extra time for this)*

- Split the group up into groups of 2-3. Each person in the group will spend 30 seconds to a minute sharing what they need prayer for in the next week. Make sure each person in the group gets a chance to share. After 5-ish minutes come back to the group and ask whether anyone wants to share what they’re in need of prayer for. Finally, close the session with a brief prayer for everyone in the group.

We encourage you to begin contemplating your 2023 Pledge to First Pres.