

NOTES

WORSHIP GOD

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EXODUS 20:3-7

Introduction:

1. _____ His _____

•Reveal _____ need for Jesus

•Teach us _____ to love God

2. _____ His _____

•Commandment #1: No other _____

•Commandment #2: Don't substitute _____ for God

3. _____ His _____ (Commandment #3)

•The _____ rule

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

ICEBREAKER: Describe a family "rule" that you grew up with (e.g. "no shoes in the house").

1. Why is this series called Heart Shapers? Read Proverbs 4:23 and then put this verse into your own words.
2. Read Deuteronomy 6:5-7. How are parents supposed to shape their kids' hearts according to these verses? On a scale of 1-10, how well was this done in the home you grew up in? Explain. If you're a parent, how well have you done this with your kids?
3. Why do the 10C (Ten Commandments) begin with those that govern our relationship with God (multiple answers)?
4. Why do some Christians downplay (or even reject) the importance of the 10C? How prominent have the 10C been (be honest) in your life? What is a common misuse of the 10C? What might you say to a person who holds this view? (Hint: Romans 3:23; Galatians 3:10.)
5. Read Romans 3:20. What is one important use of God's moral laws? Why is this beneficial?
6. Describe (in 2 minutes or less) your own story of coming to the realization that you were a sinner who needed a Savior.
7. Read John 14:15, 21, 23. Why do you think love and obedience are so closely related? What happens when you have love without obedience? What about obedience without love? Toward which of these do you tend more? Explain.
8. Read Exodus 20:3. Make a list of false gods that people worship in our culture and why they gravitate toward each. What false gods are you most drawn to? Why? Why does God want to protect us from false gods? Describe a time in your life when a false god let you down.
9. How can we keep good things from becoming ultimate things (i.e. false gods) in our lives? Give some practical examples of how to do this.
10. Read Exodus 20:4-6. What are two serious downsides of using images (i.e. pictures, statues, icons) when we worship God? What caution might the third commandment suggest when watching The Chosen (TV. series about Jesus) or reading a Bible storybook to our children?
11. Read Exodus 20:7. What's the two-sided rule and how does it apply to the third commandment?
12. What's the category rule and how does it apply to the third commandment?
13. Read Ephesians 4:29. What kinds of speech does the apostle Paul warn us against? What would this include? What kinds of speech does the apostle Paul commend? What would this include? What tips would you give someone who wants to do better with regard to what comes out of their mouth? (Extra credit if you connect Bible verses to your tips!)