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Exodus 20:1-21

Invite someone to read Exodus 20:1-21 aloud for the group. Then spend a few moments silently re-reading the passage individually. Take note of any words, images, or phrases that stand out to you.

1. Is there anything surprising, confusing, or challenging that stands out to you from this passage? Is there anything that encourages you?
2. Re-read verse 2. Why is it important that we remember who God is before we seek to understand and live out His commands? What does this verse reveal about God's character, His grace, and His heart for His people?
3. God warns His people about having other gods besides Him (verses 4-6). What does this reveal about His character, and about the heart of worship He desires for us to have? Are there other things or people you may be tempted to place your trust for your life and future in?
4. Dan reminded us that it matters who we worship and how we worship because the future generations are watching us. What would it look like for you to carry God's name - to represent our holy God well to your family, your neighbors, and to all nations?
5. Re-visit God's command about the Sabbath (verses 8-11). How might God be personally inviting you to cease from your normal work to rest, worship, and be refreshed by Him? How might resting enable you to renew your trust and dependence on the Lord?
6. Re-read verse 12. Consider your relationship with your family. How might God be inviting you, whether as parent or child, to be a reflection of God's character to your family? What might it look like for you to honor and serve your family out of a love for God?

7. Re-read verses 12-16. Dan reminds us that God intends for his people to live out their identity and calling as the people of God. These are not just principles to be happy and satisfied in life - but rather they are to help His people fulfill the mission that God has chosen for them. What do these commands reveal about the type of family and community God intends for us to be? How are these commands “fences” around life, marriage, and relationships intended for our flourishing?
8. In verse 17, we are warned about envy. Dan mentioned that one way to combat this is to practice gratitude for what we have (to establish good practices of thankfulness) and to pray for those around us. What are some simple ways you can foster this practice of gratitude this week?
9. We cannot live and fulfill these commands without God’s grace and forgiveness. Our salvation does not depend on keeping the law. Rather, it depends on Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant of grace. Re-visit Hebrews 3:1-3, and Hebrews 9:15. What do these verses reveal about Jesus and about the law? How does this change or influence our posture and motivation for obeying the law? How does this enable us to live for and serve Jesus with gratitude?

Take Home Challenge

Spend some time thanking God for salvation and freedom in Jesus - the mediator of the new covenant of grace. Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas of your life where you may be depending on your own strength or efforts. Ask Him to reveal any areas in your life (relationships, addictions, strongholds, etc.) in which you need to be reminded of who He is and be set free. As He reveals these things to you, ask Him for the strength to surrender, to obey, and to honor and reflect Him in your relationships this week.