

WEEK OF MARCH 26 - APRIL 1

Message: "Rules for the Road"

Scripture passage: Exodus 20:1-17

Theme: The Ten Commandments

In preparation for this week's Journey Group meeting, read the Scripture passage and jot down your answers to these questions.

1- Look at verses 1-2. It's important to understand that God did not just show up one day and hand down the Ten Commandments out of the blue. According to verse 2, what does God do for His people before giving them these rules to live by?

3 Days out of Egypt, out of slavery

2- The first four commandments (vv. 3-11) concern our relationship with God. What do these say about the kind of relationship God wants with us?

Recognize only one God, + wouldn't "worship" else
do not use the Lord's name
Keep the Sabbath

3- What is the difference between the first commandment (no other gods) and the second commandment (no idols)?

Idols are images of "other gods"

-What (or who) are some of the false gods and idols of our culture today?

you know it - always things we think are important, to us
money, sex, power

4- Look at verses 5-6. Which is greater - God's judgement or God's mercy?

Jealous = zealous - punish + reb + fault
true to themselves

5- In the Bible, a name is a powerful thing, denoting someone's character and carrying that person's authority. With that in mind, what does it mean to "misuse" God's name?

using it as all, other than help "My God"
"In my God"

6- What is the rationale behind the Sabbath? How do you make time for Sabbath rest nowadays?

"Rest"



7- The final six commandments (vv. 12-17) concern our relationships with other human beings. What do these say about the kind of relationships God wants us to have with each other?

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8- Many versions translate verse 12 as "You shall not murder." How does *murder* vary from *killing*?

who knew

9- Look at Matthew 5:21-22. What does Jesus add to the sixth commandment?

no anger, foul/hell fire/resentment with others

10 - What happens to a couple when one commits adultery? What does Jesus add to this (Matthew 5:28)?

look @ woman with lust, already committed

11 -What passes for stealing? What forms of stealing go on around us everyday?

12- Is lying okay if it doesn't injure another, as false witness does? How about little white lies?

13- Why is coveting a problem? What are we saying about God when we covet somebody else's stuff?

14 - Which one of these ten commandments are you struggling with right now, and what do you need to do about it? Is there any way your Journey Group could help?

A-2

Maybe 5:21-28

Duration 5:4-21

Rules of the Road

http://heaven.www.10.com

2/20-1-17

What are the correct answers?

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A. The last question (Homework Question 14) is a little noseey and we will get to it, but is there a particular one of the 10.coms that bugs you, is your favorite, or you just are dying to comment on?

1. Many of them I do not think are applicable
2. Oh, they are applicable, it is just hard to understand what to do
3. and the one I want to comment on is
- 4.
- 5.

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B. Who gave us the 10.coms after doing what? (Question 1)

1. Charlton Heston in 1956 before he was involved with guns.
2. Brought out of slavery, set them free, looked after them....
- 3.

What does it say about the relationship they want with us

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C. The Stock market has done well recently, especially AE owned by a friend of Joe. I really am sick he made that move and not me. I told Joe I was glad his friend was doing so well, because it is tough to make money in the market. Which of the 10 commandments addresses this reaction. (Homework questions 13) 7,2,1)

1. The one about no false Gods and idols
2. No, the one about lying
3. Wait, the one on coveting
4. Oh it does not apply because there was no stock market in Moses' day.

D. By the way, what is our purpose here today and the purpose of this lesson?

1. *stop taking commandment of God too lightly*
- 2.
- 3.

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E. On Judging Amy Tuesday night, Tyne Daly reported her DSS (Department of Social Services) supervisor to the police leading to an arrest. The supervisor had a deal with DSS foster parents that she would carry more children on the rolls than the foster parents had but they would spilt the payments. The foster parent always was willing to help take children when the department was in a jam and the supervisor used what money she got to do extra things for the children and be sure they were placed. (Questions 12, 11)

What are some situations of stealing?

1. Not sure this is covered under the 10 commandments.
2. Maybe but it does not bother me because some children found homes quickly who might not have ever found a place.
3. There are times quite frankly when it is ok to steal, just like little white lies are ok. The supervisor had not had a

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is lying ok if done right



- raise in three years, by the way, and there was no union.
4. Clearly this is stealing no matter the circumstances of the budget or children.
 5. Tyne Daley is in trouble for not keeping her mouth shut, and the head of the department was upset Tyne did not come to him before calling police. *Real question is,*

F. (Matthew 5:21-22, 27) Jesus says we have committed adultery if we look at or think of a women the wrong way.

1. This said, I give up, what good is it to fight if our mind already has us in trouble.
2. Tv, movies, and the dress of women is enough to drive a guy crazy so we should not be held responsible for our thoughts especially if we do nothing.
3. The best approach is what a Catholic married friend once told me when he said he could not keep his hands off other women. "I do it and then go to confession and everything is ok."
4. Some Jewish authorities say adultery is only a women's sin if she is with a married man.

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 10 [Matthew 5:27 says ..."everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery in his heart...."]

9 → [Matthew 5:21-26 says "You have heard it said you shall not murder but I say if angry...you will be liable to judgement..and if you insult ...you will be liable..and if call a fool...be liable to hell of fire..."]

8 10 **WHAT HAPPENS TO A CRIME WHEN ONE COMITS ADULTERY?**
 G. How can we get around the commandment not to kill. (Question 8)

1. Do not murder but it is ok to kill
2. Some authorities contend this commandment meant "do not kill other Jews," and did not address other people who were not the chosen race.
3. It is ok to kill if it is a declared war, for protection of self and family or someone else
4. Actually Jesus seems to say other things are just as bad (Matthew 5 21)
5. Always carry a gun because that will keep others from shooting you first

6 H. Did God really mean for me not to go to the Panther games on Sunday, especially if I go to church in the morning.

1. It is ok if you set aside some other time.....
2. It is ok because football can be a religion. It builds character and discipline and devotion to a cause....
3. This just means we need a day of rest and rejuvenation and a good football game or play or sunset can do that.
4. No, it means we need to set aside a day as holy and to communicate with God.
5. As the Romans said, This is just one of those lazy Jew rules to get out of work.
6. It is hard to find the time now with my job and family and trying to get caught up.

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- I. I know a guy who got bent out of shape because some one called him a Smart A-- in front of many of his friends.
 - 1. I see no connection with the 10 commandments
 - 2. Jesus said that if you insult a brother or sister you will be liable....(Matthew 5 22)
 - 3. Some authoites on the 10.coms say it applies to demeaning anyone.

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- J. Well the S A was not God so what does it mean to "misuse" God's Name. (Question 5)
 - 1. It is ok if it can be timed to be funny. It is a sure fire line on Tv to get laughs..."My God...Oh, My God...."
 - 2. Don, be serious, it means not to use to attribute circumstances to God for what He has no involvement.
 - 3. It means just use it when it is Holy
 - 4. It is used because it shows emphasis and that is appropriate some time
 - 5. Well, really the point is

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- K. Hugh McColl asks people to use common sense and not be bound by policies or rules if appropriate.
 - 1. This approach is designed to foster initiative.
 - 2. Hard on the person who likes the security of knowing what to do in situations.
 - 3. Also hard on the guy that breaks the rules at the wrong time.
 - 4. Most policies/rules like the 10.coms are just guidelines of suggested action. They are based on experience and previous study, action, and results. Wisdom enables one to understand better when to modify required action and to deviate from the standards. Same with 10.coms.

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- L. Speaking of laying down the rules, Who did it in your home as you were growing up?
 - 1. No one
 - 2. Both
 - 3. all
 - 4. Lots of folks
 - 5. Lots of organizations
 - 6.
 - 7.
 - 8. Newspaper Sunday had "Rules to Drive By" including "one by one"

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- M. Again, speaking of growing up, what were a couple of the most important rules in your home?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

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- N. When did you break one and what happened?

O. How important were the following in your growing up?

(___ not important, ___ a little, ___ a lot, ___ do not understand)

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Trustworthy, l----, helpful, f-----, -----, ----,
o-----, cheer---, -----y, -----, ----, and -----.

P. Whose rules are they any way?

Q. Whose rules are the following?

1. one and one, wave thanks, stop at rolling balls, stop before intersection if crowded, signal turns, help cars behind make turn, honor space
2. Go to church Sundays, no movies on school nights and none on Sunday, no smoking or cursing or drinking, be good student, respect grandparent, give full effort, home by 11, feed the chickens before school, tell folks what happened at school or when out, come when blow the horn, no bicycle riding, speak clearly, be truthful, no stealing, Sunday night church before dates, work minimum 56 hours week during summers as teenager, no card playing on Sunday, no (or little) Sunday work, respect everyone, "yes sir/maam, Mr/Mrs, please/thank you," do something even if it is wrong instead of not trying, underage driving only with Dad.

R. While we are at it, can we name the 10.coms

- 1.
- 2.
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- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

663. actually there are over 600 rules or commandments and you won't believe some of them...

C1 S. Could we all look at Exodus 20:1-17 as Deuteronomy 5:6-21 is read.

T. What is difference in #01.com "no other Gods" and #02.com, and "no idols." (Question 3)

1. Idols are images that are worshiped.
2. Idols are images of Gods that we worship
3. Can only have one God no matter how many images are made.
- 4.

U. (Verse 5-6) Which is greater, God's Mercy or God's Judgment? (Question 4)

1. Must be mercy because it goes to thousands and judgment to much fewer children.
2. Oh no, these were just figures of speech per Hebrew

authorities

3.

V. What is the difference in emphasis of the first four versus the last 6 dot coms and what do these say about the kind of relationship God wants us to have with each other? (Question 7)

1. First few deal with relationship with God and last with people.
2. Wants us to get along together

W. As for the purpose of this lesson, I had one main objective and that is to help us stop taking the commandments of God too lightly. My prayer is that we have made some progress.

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