

Stone Tables – The Ten Commandments: Part 3

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Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Recap:

- “Fear the Lord” is in the Bible over 100 times in various forms.
 - Example **Prov 1:7** Harsh example is **Luke 2:4-5**
- Fear the Lord is beginning of wisdom, but not the finish!
 - Progression from enemy of God => forgiven child => servant => friend!
 - We can get past the strain of not aligning with God into beautiful alignment!
- Because perfect love casts out fear. **1 John 4:18**
- Jesus said the greatest commandment was to love God, so how do we love God back?
- That takes us to the 10 Commandments!
 - 1st four Commandments are how to love God. (**Exodus 20:1-11**) God wants an exclusive relationship, based on respect, where we spend undivided time together.

- This week: Love Your Neighbor

- When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was he listed two. **Mark 12:29-31**
 - Of course loving God must be first, but why this second one?
 - God deserves to be loved, but just random people???
 - Have you ever had a close friend that you really liked, but you didn’t like their kids?
 - Does that affect the relationship? Even if the kids really are obnoxious?
 - God loves this broken world. Each messed up individual. How much? **John 3:16**
 - If we are going to love God, part of it is loving those He loves. That’s the rest of the 10.
- Read the final 6 of The 10 Commandments: **Exodus 20:12-17**
 - Let’s look at these knowing that the cross actually raised the bar. **Matthew 5:18-19**
 - Honor your Father and your Mother. (v12) Check out **1 Timothy 5:3-4, 8**.
 - What if your father or mother isn’t honorable?
 - Shall not murder. (v13) Check out **Matthew 5:21-22**.
 - Don’t commit adultery. (v14) Check out **Matthew 27-28**. Implications on porn.
 - Don’t steal. (v15) Check out **Ephesians 4:28**.
 - Don’t lie. (v16) What is your relationship with truth? Denial? Hide and seek? Fake it?
 - **John 4:23**. You must come to peace with what is real and true. Then you can be free.
 - Don’t covet. (v17) God’s plan is that you not compare yourself with others, but that you be content with who you are and what you have.
 - What would your life be like if you could follow this one perfectly!??
 - What would the world be like if even just the followers of Jesus lived out these commands?
- I’m going to ask you to respond to this message. As we pray, pledge to do live out these 6 Commands.
 - Have you tried but failed?
 - Someday a series “Head to Heart.”
 - Head may say, “I should do that!” Heart may say, “I’ll fail” or “the sacrifice is too great.”
 - Let’s seek realizations and revelation of **Philippians 4:13**.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!