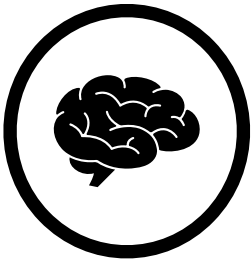


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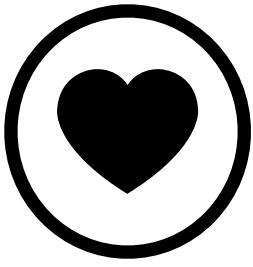
20th February 2023 | Exodus 20: 1 - 21 | God of Commandments



Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. What is the significance of vs.2 in this passage? Compare it with Exodus 19:3-6.
2. Read Exodus 19:9 - did what God say work out? Why / why not?
3. What do the 10 Commandments reveal of human nature (what kind of people need to be told to do / not do these things)?
4. List the 10 Commandments. Which one(s) stand out to you? What stories / New Testament passages could you connect them with?
5. What does Paul say about the purpose of the law in Romans 7:7-12?
6. Why do you think the people chose to remain at a distance, even though they were invited to come close (compare 19:13b and 20:18-19)?
7. What does Moses say is the purpose for God coming to them in this way?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. If you had to ask people on your frontline, 'what do you think of the 10 Commandments?' - how would they respond?
2. Why is the order and flow of Exodus 20:1-17 important?
3. Stu suggested that the 10 Commandments are an invitation to intimacy. What do you think of this idea? Would you agree / disagree?
4. Look at each commandment - what does each one say about the character and nature of God?
5. Why do you think the people of God constantly failed to uphold the 10 Commandments?
6. Do you agree with this quote: *'the people were given the law not in order that they might become redeemed, rather it was because they had already been redeemed that they were given the law. The purpose was to establish them in their new freedom. As those who had come out of the 'house of slaves', they needed to be instructed in the behaviour and lifestyle of the free.'* How would you relate it to your own discipleship?



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. How can you nurture intimacy with the Lord? What practical steps can you take this week?
2. How will the grace first and law second principle impact the way you serve others on your frontline this week?
3. Pray and seek God for a fresh revelation of His holiness as you reflect on the commands of Scripture this week.

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response