

Sunday, September 11th

Commandments 1 and 2

Large Group

Game (Would you Rather: Back to School edition 5-10 min)

Worship Songs (15 min)

- TBD

Lesson (15 min)

Background

- Overview of 10 commandments
 - Can anyone tell us all 10 commandments?
 - [Exodus 20:1-17](#) and [Deuteronomy 5](#)
 - Why do we need commandments?
 - *Psalm 119:1-2 "Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord. Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts."*
 - Teach us about sin ([Romans 7:7](#))
 - Point us to Jesus ([Romans 7:21-25](#)) ([Romans 3:20](#))
 - Commandment Groupings
 - 1-4: Love God
 - 5-10: Love others

Commandments 1 and 2

- (1) You shall have no other gods before me. (2) You shall not make any idols
 - [Exodus 20:3-6](#)
- What does that mean?
 - Student answer and discussion
 - Old Testament example/cultural context
 - Biblical example of idol: [Exodus 32:1-4](#) Aaron makes a gold calf.
 - Easy to dismiss because we are not making gold calves to worship.
 - New Testament Answer
 - [Matthew 22:34-40](#) Specifically 22:37-38 Jesus is quoting Deuteronomy.

Small Group Questions (Not all questions required, up to leader discretion) (15 min)

- Is anyone able to keep all the law? Certainly, keeping most of the commandments most of the time is good enough. What is God's standard for how closely we follow the law?
 - [James 2:10 ESV-For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.]

- What are some examples of modern day “gods” or idols that we could have that take place of God?
 - [Other religions have different gods, Science, Packers, Food, sports]
- How do you know if you have other gods in your life?
 - [[Matthew 22:34-40](#) If you cannot love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength because something else is in the way, it is time to evaluate that thing]
 - What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?
 - [This encompasses our whole being. Our affections and things we love, things we think about, are we studying the bible or is every free moment about studying something else? What are we worshiping, use strength and energy to love God]
- What are some other gods or idols in your life that could be interfering with your relationship with God.
 - [Money, work, relaxing, TV, social media]
- How do you address these other gods/idols?
 - [Recognize sin, ask for forgiveness, turn away from sin. God should take up all the space, there would not be room for other gods/idols]
- What are some practical steps to turn away from sin?
 - [Walk through student examples shared, i.e. if Social Media is in the way, what is a replacement? Prayer, reading, etc.]
- Are there any other gods or idols that the One True God has delivered you from? Are there any you are working through now?

Small Group Close with prayer/prayer requests/dismiss from Small Group

