

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT
The Ten Commandments — Week 2

ICEBREAKER: If you could give one piece of advice to pass on to the next generation, what would it be?

OVERVIEW: The first commandment forbids us from worshipping any other gods but the one true God, Yahweh. On the surface, it may not sound very relevant to you. But we are all tempted to worship false gods. You are a worshipper. You will worship and serve someone or something. Will you worship the true God, or a false god? In this discussion we will go deeper with how to avoid worshipping false gods, and how to worship the right God.

1. Read Exodus 20:1-3. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What does the first commandment prohibit?
3. The first commandment includes four duties. The first is that you must have a God. The Bible prohibits atheism. Why do you believe in God?
4. What is the difference between the cosmological, teleological, and moral arguments for the existence of God?

5. The second duty is that you must worship the right God. What information can we learn about God's identity and character from Exodus 20:1-3?
6. The third duty is that you must not worship other gods. To determine your functional gods, answer the following questions as honestly as possible? 1) Who is in charge of your life? 2) Who or what do you put first? 3) Who or what would you be unwilling to give up for God?
7. Do the questions above reveal that you worship other gods? Explain.
8. The fourth duty is that you must worship Yahweh. Why does God command us to worship Him?
9. What does it mean to worship God?
10. How do you need to grow in your worship of God ?

The Last Word: The first commandment tells us that we are to have no other gods but God; He is to be the exclusive object of our worship; the ultimate object of our love and desire.