

GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

What's a memorable vow or promise you've made (or someone made to you), and why did it stand out?

PRAYER

Spend some time in prayer for each other.

HELPFUL BACKGROUND

The Ten Commandments (Decalogue):

These ten "words" are foundational to Israel's covenant with God. They act more like covenantal vows than strict legal codes, shaping identity and relationship rather than just behavior.

Covenant Language:

Like marriage vows, these commandments are given in the context of a loving, committed relationship. God is not imposing a cold legal system but inviting Israel into a relational commitment rooted in His rescue and care.

Two Tablets: Love for God and Love for Others:

The first four commandments center on loving God; the final six focus on loving people. Jesus echoes this in Matthew 22:37-40, saying all the Law hangs on love for God and neighbor.

KEY OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

Read Exodus 20:1-17.

1. What does Exodus 20:1-2 reveal about why God gave these commands?
2. Which commandment stands out to you the most, and why?
3. How does the structure of the Ten Commandments show a progression in relationship, first with God, then with others?
4. What kind of relationship is God inviting Israel into through these commands?
5. How do the Ten Commandments reflect God's character?

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. Teaching: What is God teaching you in this passage?

- How does viewing the Ten Commandments as covenant vows rather than mere rules change your perspective on them?
- How does this passage show that God's commands are rooted in relationship and love rather than legalism?

2. Reproof: Have you been convicted of any wrong thinking or behavior?

- Do you sometimes view God's commands as burdens rather than gifts?
- Have you fallen into legalism, obeying out of guilt or duty instead of love?

3. Correction: What do you need to correct in light of this passage?

- How can you return to a posture of love in your obedience to Christ?
- What would it look like to freshly remember God's love and let that fuel your faithfulness?

4. Training in Righteousness: What are practices or habits you can form or change?

- How can you regularly remember God's love for you, like Israel was called to remember their deliverance?
- How can your obedience become a visible reflection of God's love to others in your life?

ACCOUNTABILITY Q&A

How are you feeding your soul?

How are you feeding your flesh?

How are you feeding others?

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