

OCF Small Groups: *passionately pursuing God, healthy relationships with each other, and people who don't know Jesus, as part of a Gospel Community.*

Exodus 20:3

(Sunday, September 17)

1. Who laid down the law in your home? How did you bend the rules?

2. In introducing the Ten Commandments, God recalls what he has done for Israel (20:2) before calling them to obey him (20:3–17). Based on this, how should we understand the role of obedience in Israel's relationship with God?

How does this parallel the role of good works in relation to the good news of Jesus?

3. In giving this first commandment, was God acting jealously (cf. Exodus 34:10-160)? Explain. What step did God command to help Israel avoid putting other gods ahead of him (Exodus 34: 12-15)?

How do we "take care" to be faithful to the one true God?

4. How do the scriptures describe the following gods of Canaan?
 - Molech (Leviticus 18:21, Jeremiah 32:35):
 - Ashtoreth (Judges 10:6, 1 Samuel 7:3-4):

What do we learn about God's character?

How do we direct our heart to God (1 Sam. 7:3-4) and put on his character (Jeremiah 32:35)?

5. How did Elijah overcome the worshippers of another god called Baal (1 Kings 18:19-39)?

How have you experienced the reality that Jesus is LORD, the one true God?

6. What other gods did Paul and Barnabas encounter in Lystra (Act 14:8-13)? How did they handle the problem (Acts 14:14-18)?

What did Paul and Barnabas say about God? What would you say to help others know that there is a "living God"?

7. How does Matthew 22:37-40 begin to help us keep the 1st commandment in Exodus 20:3?

What does this look like for us as followers of Jesus?