

T H E B O O K O F
EXODUS**LEADER PREP****MAIN POINT**

All the rules show us our need for Jesus.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-17 NIV
Galatians 3:23-25 NIV
(BONUS: Matthew 22:34-40)

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see that the Bible isn't just a big rule book of do's and don'ts. But the rules show us what true life can look like. Different, Holy, and the best way to live.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders, most likely some of your students CRUSHED their reading + studying plan, some may have done parts, and others may have totally forgotten to do it all together. As mature Christians, we've most likely all been in all those different places in our walks with God. Encourage your students for any small positive step they took and remind your other students it's not about perfection of a task, but pursuing God and we can start fresh on that everyday. If they missed last week completely they can start fresh this week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**THE CHECK IN**

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.
- Last week we continued our Exodus reading + studying plan (*recap this if you have any new students*), for those of you who had this plan - how did this week go for everyone?
- Before today, how familiar were you with the Ten Commandments? What did you know about them?

THE WORD

- READ Exodus 20:1-17 NIV. Since this is a long passage, I'd recommend having a few people divide up reading.
- What stands out to you as you read this?
- Any questions as you read this?
- There aren't just 10 commandments the Israelites had in total, but actually 613. They vary from what you can eat, punishments for injuring others, how to bury your poop (not a joke). What do you think it would've been like to live with so many rules?
- READ Galatians 3:23-25. How come we as Christians don't have to follow all 613 rules the Israelites had?
- BONUS IF YOU HAVE TIME:
 - What are the two commandments God gave us to follow? Anyone know?
 - Let's read them together. READ Matthew 22:34-40.
 - How is it easier to keep up with these 2 commandments verse 613?

APPLICATION

- Studying and reading our Bible on our own is an amazing way to grow in our relationship with Jesus
- DO: Pass out Exodus Reading + Studying Plan. and talk through how you can encourage each other to read and study Week 3 before next week.

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer. Any prayer requests?

EXODUS 20:1-17 NIV

"And God spoke all these words:

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Galatian 3:23-25 NIV

"Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. 24 So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. 25 Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian."

Matthew 22:34-40 NIV

"Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."