



PARTICIPANT GUIDE

FALL 2019 [PART 1]

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RESOURCES

The main research used in creating this Life Group Guide was from "The 10 Commandments: What They Mean, Why They Matter, and Why We Should Obey Them" by Kevin DeYoung

LETTER FROM KEITH

We are called to love God and love others! At WCC, we talk about this all the time when we seek to ignite a passion for Jesus, the Bible, the Church and Others. What's amazing is that when you read the Bible, it is filled with instructions on how to love our God and how to love those around us. One of the most memorable moments of telling us how to do that is the giving of the TEN Commandments.

Many of us have heard these commands and may be able to recite most of them. Some may just think of them as a list of do's and don'ts from their childhood. There is a chance you may not have ever heard them! Here's the amazing thing: God gave us the TEN Commandments so we would know the best way to love Him! He also gave them to His people so they would know the best way to love and treat one-another.

While the commands are simple and appear to be straight forward in their instruction, we are going to spend time unpacking them, giving them a fresh look for our Life Group series this Fall. Let's face it, if you check out the latest news headlines, you will see the need for these commands to be taught and lived out perhaps now more than ever!

Each week will be a fresh challenge for how we can obey God's timeless commands in a world and culture that simply ignores or resists authority. Our prayer for this series is that you would grow in your love for God and your love for others. Blessings,

Keith Comp

Senior Minister

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

The purpose of this guide is to provide a tool for you to use in your daily walk with Jesus. Use this for your quiet time, daily devotional, Life Group discussion, or even family discussions. You will develop healthy study habits as you engage with God's Word through this workbook.

SERMON NOTES:

Bring this workbook to church each Sunday. As you listen to the sermon, make a note when you hear something that surprises you, intrigues you, bothers you, challenges you, or encourages you. Use this as a starting point for your group discussion and personal study during the week.

CONNECT QUESTIONS:

These questions will help you and your group members become more comfortable talking and sharing with each other. Not only will you learn more about one-another, the questions will help to steer the discussion in the direction of the topic.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION:

These questions are the "meat" of the discussion and will point back to the sermon each week. Feel free to read and answer these questions before your group meets. They will also help you dig deeper into the Scriptures during your group discussions.

CHANGE QUESTIONS:

Passion leads people to significant actions. At the end of Jesus' most famous sermon, he says that if you do not put his words into practice then you are a fool [Matthew 7:24-27]. Life transformation is the ultimate goal of a follower of Christ. This happens through personal reflection and a genuine response to what you have heard from God. Feel free to answer these questions out-loud when your leader reads them or you can quietly reflect and write a response in your workbook. This is the time to go deep and make it personal!

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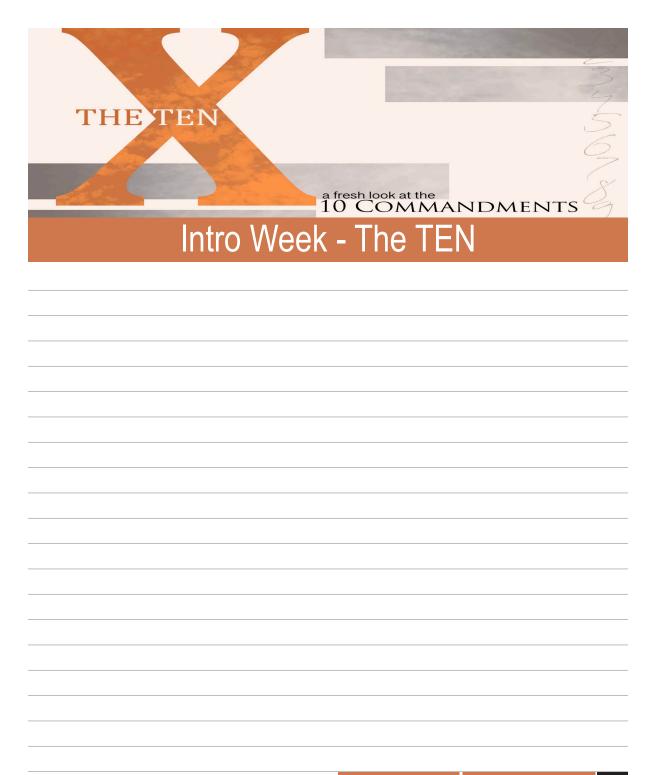
Please focus this time on *your own personal* praises and requests instead of listing all of the bad things that happened to someone you know. We challenge you to get "deep" with one-another relationally, which means becoming a little bit vulnerable as you are honest with one-another.

PRAY FOR THE MISSIONS OF THE WEEK:

WCC supports many wonderful missionaries and organizations all over the world. We are committed to support them with our finances as well as our prayers and encouragement. Ask God to work in their lives and through their ministries to ignite a passion for Jesus in others.

DAILY DEVOTION:

Be consistent, honest, and intentional with this time and you will not regret it. The whole point of this workbook is to make the sermons and Scriptures stick with you in your daily walk with Christ. Digging in to God's Word and applying it to your daily life is perhaps the best way to solidify His truth into your heart and your life.



CONNECT DIJECTIONS

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1. How do you think our daily lives would be different if everyone around us followed these 10 commandments?

2. Many Christians downplay the authority and influence of the Old Testament for us today. How would you respond to them? What do you think a balanced approach looks like?

3.	Read Matthew 5:17-20. How do Jesus' words at the beginning of this sermon show a proper balance to how we should approach Old Testament laws?
4.	Read Romans 7:7. Why does Paul love the Old Testament law? What are some other reasons for loving and respecting the Old Testament?
5.	Why do you think people find it difficult to follow rules and regulations today? What rules/laws do you struggle to follow?
6.	Read Galatians 5:1. How can this be taken out of context and used in negative ways?
7.	Discuss your thoughts on the following quote: "The biblical definition of freedom is not 'doing whatever you want.' Freedom is enjoying the benefits of doing what we should." -Kevin DeYoung pg. 23.

- 1. Which of the TEN Commandments are easier for you to follow? Why?
- 2. Which of the TEN Commandments do you struggle with? Why?
- 3. God does not want you to simply know the TEN Commandments; He wants you to live them out. How can you remember and begin to follow the TEN this fall?

PRAY FOR ONF-ANOTHER

PRAY FOR MISSIONS OF THE WEEK

High Hill Christian Camp

High Hill Christian Camp and Retreat Center's goal is to offer a fun, Christian atmosphere in a modern camp setting surrounded by God's wilderness — all designed so that children will leave with a closer relationship with Jesus. highhillcamp.org

DΔY 3· **DΔY 1**· **DΔY 2**· "Do not think that I have "Therefore anyone who sets come to abolish the Law aside one of the least of or the Prophets; I have not these commands and teaches others accordingly will be come to abolish them but to fulfill them." called least in the kingdom [Matthew 5:17 NIV] of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called for God." [Romans 7:4 NIV] great in the kingdom of heaven." [Matthew 5:19 NIV] Why do you think people Why do you think Jesus addressed the topic of still teach and follow the the Old Testament law at TEN commandments today? the beginning of his most Are they timeless princifamous sermon? ples? and obedience? How do his words give us an Why does Jesus want us to indication of how we should practice and teach these treat the Old Testament commands? Do you? rules and commandments? do this today?

"So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit

Instead of belonging to the Old Testament law, what/ who do we belong to now? How would you define this change in our belonging

Under this new person that we belong to, what is the goal/result? How can you

DAY 4.

"But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code."

[Romans 7:6 NIV]

How does this verse show a balance between the Old Testament law and the New Testament covenant with Jesus?

DAY 5:

"What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.'"
[Romans 7:7 NIV]

How does Paul view the Old Testament law? What benefit has the law given to him? To you?

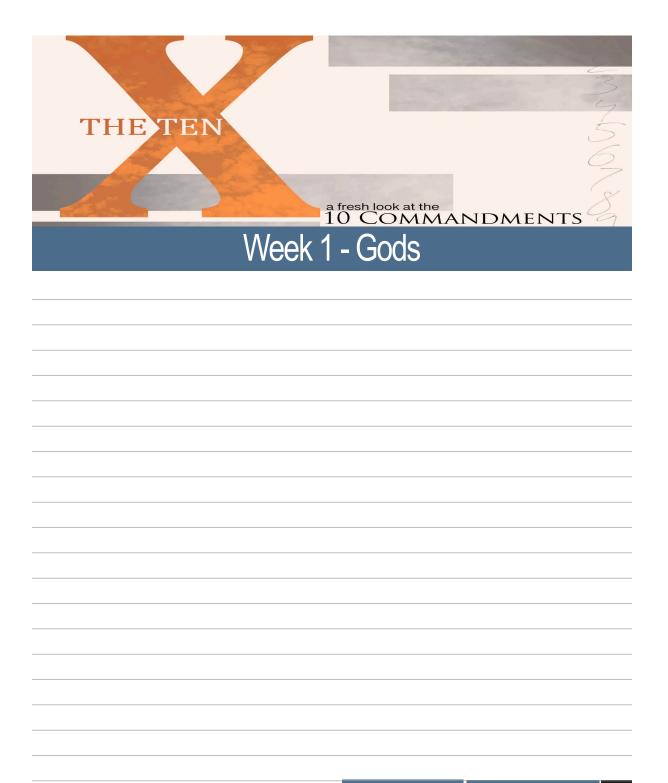
DAY 6.

"For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me."

[Romans 7:22-23 NIV]

Why do you think Paul finds delight in God's law even though it goes against his natural desires?

- What role does the Holy Spirit play in our new way of life? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you today as you seek to honor Jesus with your lifestyle.
- How do the commandments and regulations in the Old Testament impact the way you understand righteousness today?
- What is the other law that is at work in Paul? Can you relate? How can you use the Old Testament laws and New Testament teachings of Jesus to not become a prisoner to sin?



WEEK 1 - GODS

CONNECT QUESTIONS

 What were some non-negotiable rules in your home when you were grow

- 2. How did you react to them? What made them seem good or bad to you?
- 3. What are some non-negotiable rules in your home now?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. In light of this background, why do you think this is the first commandment God gives to His people?

2. Read Exodus 20:1-3. Why did God declare who He is and what He has done before giving his people further commands?

3. Read verse 3 again. God is not asking for priority...He is demanding exclusivity. What is the difference? What does it look like for someone to get this mixed up?

4.	Some translations say "before me" while others say "beside me". What is the difference between the two? How can "before me" be misunderstood?
5.	Read John 14:6-7. How do Jesus' words relate to the first commandment? In the space below, reword the truths of the first commandment and Jesus' statement in your own words.
6.	God says there should be "no other gods" besides Him. What are some "other gods" that may get in the way of truly worshiping God with our entire devotion?
7.	What are your thoughts on this quote from the sermon: "The most important aspect of our faith is not how hard we believe, but in whom we believe."?

- 1. If you are honest, who/what is the object of your affection? Time? Finances? Emotions? Conversations?
- 2. Do you truly know God...or do you just know about Him [See Titus 1:16]? How can you work on both this week?
- 3. How do you need to adjust your priorities so that God is your exclusive focus this week?

PRAY FOR ONF-ANOTHER

PRAY FOR MISSIONS OF THE WEEK

Team Expansion: Allen & Cherry Messimer – Taiwan

The Messimers have served as missionaries in Taiwan since 2004. Their mission is to evangelize, disciple, and provide training so every believer can use his or her gifts in a simple church ministry. This also means every church can start new, indigenous churches. Over 90% of Taiwanese people still worship idols. <u>teamexpansion.org</u>

DAY 1: **DAY 2: DAY 3:** "No one can serve two mas-"But since you are like luke-"Jesus answered, "I am the warm water, neither hot nor way and the truth and the ters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or cold, I will spit you out of life. No one comes to the you will be devoted to the my mouth!" Father except through me." one and despise the other." [Revelation 3:16 NLT] [John 14:6 NIV] [Matthew 6:24 NIV] How do Jesus' words relate God and Jesus demand your How would you respond to to the 1st commandment? complete devotion, which someone who says "there Why is there no middle is illustrated by hot water. are many roads that lead to Heaven"? ground in God's command-Why is being a lukewarm ment and lesus' words? follower of Jesus worse than being a cold unbeliever? Jesus was talking about Are you lukewarm in your God and Jesus say that nothing should come bemoney in this context. In devotion and obedience to what other ways have you Jesus? How can you ignite a tween you and them. What seen this to be true in your passion for Jesus today? has taken God's place of life? prominence in your life?

DAY 5. DAY 6. DAY 4. "Do not worship any other "For even if there are so-"They claim to know God, god, for the LORD, whose called gods, whether in but by their actions they deny him. They are detestname is Jealous, is a jealous heaven or on earth (as in-God." deed there are many "gods" able, disobedient and unfit and many "lords"), vet for [Exodus 34:14 NIV] for doing anything good." us there is but one God. [Titus 1:16 NIV] the Father. from whom all things came and for whom we live: and there is but one Lord. Jesus Christ." [1 Corinthians 5-6a NIV] When have you been jeal-How would you respond What connection does this ous of the attention that to someone who savs "all verse show between your religions basically worship relationship with God and was given to someone else? the same God"? Have you ever been jealous your daily actions? When for good reasons? When? have your actions denied God? What are some "so-called When do you think you How will you honor God by have made God jealous? gods" that lead people being admirable, obedi-How can you give God your astray? How can you proent, and fit for doing good full, undivided attention tect yourself from being today? this week? influenced by these socalled gods?



WEEK 2 - IDOLS

CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever had a lucky charm or talisman? What was it and why did you start using it?
- 2. What are some objects that were "sacred" or never to be touched in your home growing up? What about in other places like church or someone else's home?
- 3. What is an object from your past which you would be upset if it were to be lost or broken?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1.	What do you think is the difference between the first and second commandments?
	What is the difference between a "god" and an "idol"?

2. Kevin DeYoung [pg. 42] says "If the first commandment is against worshiping the wrong God, the second commandment is against worshiping God in the wrong way."

What are some ways people can be guilty of worshiping God in the wrong way?

3. Read Exodus 20:4. After reading this commandment and hearing the sermon, how would you define idolatry? What are some ways this happens today?

4.	Kevin DeYoung [pg. 42] says "What He prohibits is infusing any object with spiritual efficacy, as if man-made artifacts can bring us closer to God, represent God, or establish communion with God." What are some dangers of using man-made artifacts in worship?
5.	Read Exodus 20:4-6. This is the first commandment of only a few which include an explanation. Why do you think God chooses this commandment to talk about generational curses and blessings?
6.	Read Exodus 32 or have someone who is familiar with the story summarize it for the group. How does this bring about more clarity to the second commandment?
7.	God says He is a "jealous God." What are some of the things you think God may be jealous of in our lives?

- 1. How have you been guilty of idolizing an object or image instead of the one true God?
- 2. Have you been guilty of making God jealous? Ask for forgiveness and ask God to reveal areas in your life you need to work on.
- 3. What are some steps you need to take this week to avoid idolatry?

PRAY FOR ONE-ANOTHER

PRAY FOR MISSIONS OF THE WEEK

Team Expansion: Tim & Amy Maxson

The Maxsons work at Fellowship Dubai church in the Middle East and are making disciples of migrant workers as well. The Maxson family has five children. <u>teamexpansion.org</u>

DAY 3: DAY 1. DAY 2: "But not everyone possess-"So then, about eating food "For where your treasure es this knowledge. Some sacrificed to idols: We know is, there your heart will be that "An idol is nothing at people are still so accusalso." all in the world" and that [Matthew 6:21 NIV] tomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food "There is no God but one." they think of it as having [1 Corinthians 8:4 NIV] been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled." [1 Corinthians 8:7 NIV] What are some "idols" that If idols are nothing at all, What do you think Jesus why is God so concerned people may be accustomed means by your treasure? about us worshiping them? How is it connected with to today? How can you identify if something is an your heart? idol in your life? When have you become Paul tells Christians to be Many things can become defiled and had a weak careful in how they eat an idol in our lives. How conscience because of the food that has been sacrican you treasure the right ficed to idols. What caution way you idolized somethings with your heart this thing or someone? How can do you think he would tell week? vou clear your conscience us today about idols in our today? culture?

DAY 5. DAY 6. DAY 4. "They claim to know God, "Although they claimed to "This is what the LORD but by their actions they be wise, they became fools savs: "What fault did vour deny him. They are detestand exchanged the glory of ancestors find in me, that able, disobedient and unfit they strayed so far from me? the immortal God for imagfor doing anything good." es made to look like a mor-They followed worthless idols and became worthless [Titus 1:16 NIV] tal human being and birds themselves." and animals and reptiles." [Romans 1:22-23 NIV] [Jeremiah 2:5 NIV] When we place an idol in In this passage, people What does Jeremiah say front of God, we deny Him were worshiping God's is the result of following with our actions. When creation instead of the worthless idols? Can you have you done this before? Creator. How is this form of think of any examples of idolatry so dangerous? this happening? What idols do you need to When have you been a fool When we stray away from remove so this verse does who diminished God's glory God we end up worshiping not describe you? by thinking of Him in mor-Him in worthless ways. How tal human being ways? How can you keep from falling into this pattern? can you be wise in how you worship God's glory this week?



WFFK 3 - NAMF

CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some nicknames you have had throughout your life? Which ones did you not like?
- 2. What are some funny or odd nicknames you have called friends before? How did they get those names?
- 3. Have someone google "The 25 most ridiculous hipster baby names" and read through them to the group. Which one is the most ridiculous? Which one would you actually consider?
 - a. First few names from the article: Fedora, Chia, Zen, Trigger, Insta, Soy, Kale, Rustic, etc.

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. As a group, brainstorm all of the names for God that you can think of. Which names do you use more commonly than others?

2. Of all of the rules and regulations you would think are important to God, why is this one at the top of the list?

3. What were the three ways from the sermon in which people misuse God's name? What are some examples of each?

4.	Read Jeremiah 34:12-16. How did the Israelites profane God's name? How does this show us a deeper understanding of the third commandment?
5.	Read Revelation 4:8-11. How do these creatures and elders in Heaven revere the name of God? What does this teach us about God's name?
6.	What is the simple, basic understanding of this commandment? How can we keep this from happening for ourselves and others around us?
7.	Read Acts 19:11-20. Have someone summarize this story. How was Jesus' name used in vain, and what happened to those who did it? What happened when word spread about this event?
8.	Though most of us have never practiced demonic exorcisms, how can we be guilty of using God's or Jesus' name in vain today?
9.	FURTHER STUDY: Read and discuss Acts 8:9-24 about misusing the name and authority of Jesus Christ.

- 1. What is the first step you need to take toward not using God's name in vain in your speech?
- 2. How can you guide your week to be filled with more praise and respect for God and His name?
- 3. In what ways do your actions defile and misrepresent God's name to others? What needs to change this week?

PRAY FOR ONE-ANOTHER

PRAY FOR MISSIONS OF THE WEEK

Central Christian College of the Bible

The goal of Central Christian College of the Bible is to raise up servant leaders for the church and to do so as affordably as possible. CCCB believes so completely in what their students will do for Christ that they want to not only equip them with a quality education, but an affordable one so their future ministry will not be burdened by financial stress. That is why CCCB offers a Full-Tuition Scholarship and will continue to do so as long as there are means, cccb.edu

DAY 3: DAY 1. **DΔY 2**· "Each of the four living "Do not bring shame on the "But now you have shrugged creatures had six wings name of your God by using off your oath and defiled it to swear falsely. I am the my name by taking back the and was covered with eyes LORD." men and women you had all around, even under its wings. Day and night they [Leviticus 19:12 NLT] freed, forcing them to be never stop saving: 'Holy, slaves once again." holy, holy is the Lord God [Jeremiah 34:16 NLT] Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." [Revelation 4:8 NIV] What do these creatures do Why would it bring shame God spoke through Jeremiday in and day out? Why do on God to misuse His name ah to say His name was deyou think God created them when taking an oath? Have filed because of the actions to do this? you ever done this? of His people. When have your actions defiled the name of another person, business, or group? They never stop worshiping God's name is so powerful What oaths have you made and proclaiming the name and mighty that He wants to God? How can you keep of God! Never! How will us to always bring respect your actions from defiling God's name? you worship and proclaim to it. How can you do this in your speech and conduct His name today? this week?

DAY 4.

"When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor."
[Acts 19:17 NIV]

DAY 5.

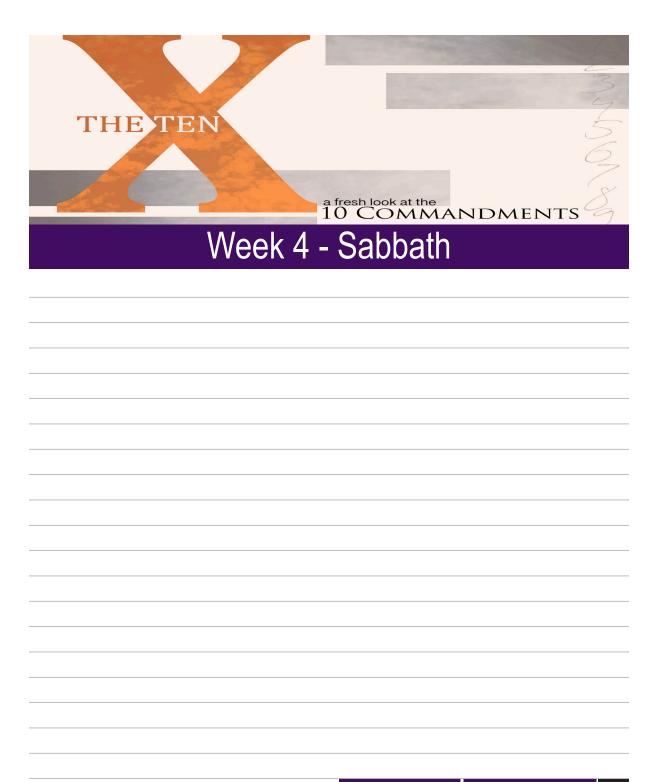
"All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."
[Matthew 5:37 NIV]

DAY 6.

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
[Colossians 3:17 NIV]

- Some Jews were misusing Jesus' name to perform exorcism; in order to impress the crowds. What are some dangers of misusing Jesus' name for personal credit? [Read Acts 19:13-16]
- Jesus warns against swearing oaths by the name of God. Have you ever done this to place emphasis on your promise?
- Paul says your speech and actions should be done in the name of Jesus. How often do you think of the name of Jesus throughout the day?

- God allowed them to fail in order that Jesus' name be held in high honor. Do you hold Jesus' name in high honor? How can you hold Jesus' name in high honor today?
- If you need to "swear to God" it means you have to convince people you are telling the truth. How can you be more trustworthy so you will not need to do this?
- How can your speech and actions give thanks to God through the name of Jesus today? Take some time to thank God for Jesus right now.



WEEK 4 - SABBATH

CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1. Besides sleeping, when do you feel most at rest?
- 2. What are some activities you feel are relaxing that others may feel are tiring?
- 3. Technology is developed to make life easier and more efficient. Do you think this has made people less busy than 40 years ago?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1.	Why do you think this is the longest and most detailed commandment? How do
	people differ on how it should be observed today?

2. Even though most Americans only work 5 days a week, do you think most Christians observe a full day of Sabbath rest? Why or why not?

3. How do you think most people would define a Sabbath rest? Read Exodus 20:8-11 and discuss what it means. Note the two words in verse 9 "labor" and "work."

4. Read Mark 2:23-28. Does Jesus negate the importance of the Sabbath with his actions? How do his words explain his actions and give us insight for the Sabbath today?

5.	Throughout the Old Testament we see the practices of worship and rest going hand-in-hand with the observance of the Sabbath. Why do you think these go so well together?
6.	Read Colossians 2:16-17. How does Paul's command give perspective on how we should treat others who honor the Sabbath in a different way?
7.	Does a Sabbath have to be a literal 24-hour rest on Sundays for every single Christian? Is it merely figurative and can be interpreted however we want?
8.	Where do you land on the spectrum of how to observe the Sabbath?
9.	FURTHER STUDY: Read Hebrews 4:1-13 and discuss the rest God offers to us.

- 1. When was the last time you took a literal 24-hour Sabbath rest from all labor and work? When can you plan this?
- 2. How can you [and your family] make the Sabbath more holy and honoring to God in the next few weeks?
- 3. How will you worship God through rest this week?

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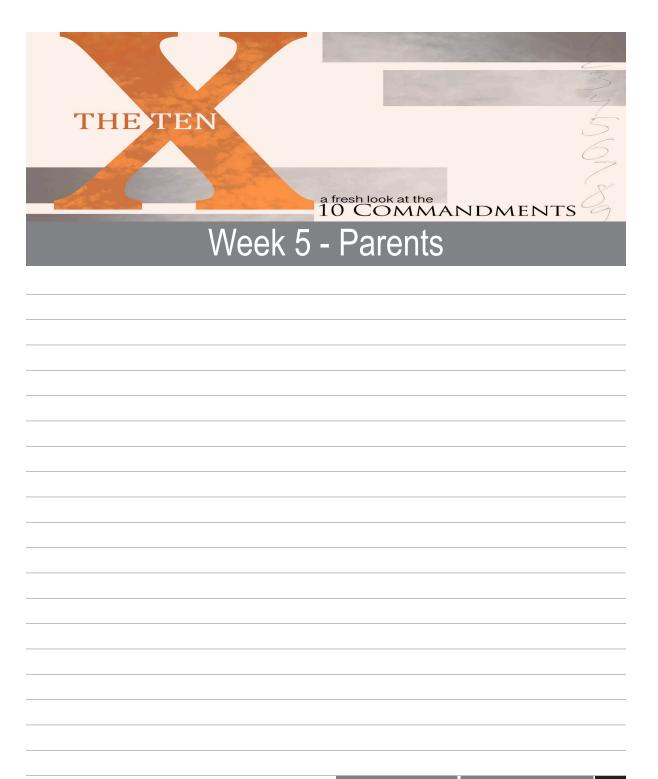
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St. Louis Christian College

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DAY 1: "Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." [Mark 2:27 NIV]		DAY 2: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." [Matthew 11:28 NIV]		DAY 3: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. [Matthew 11:29-30 NIV]		
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	In what ways can you make your Sabbath rest a benefit to you? To others? To God?	•	What does it mean for you to come to Jesus? How can you find rest in his presence today?	•	Do you feel that your daily burdens in life are light or heavy? What does it mean for you to take on Jesus' yoke and learn from him today?	

DAY 5. DAY 6. DAY 4. "Let us, therefore, make ev-"Therefore do not let anv-"When he came to the one judge you by what you erv effort to enter that rest. village of Nazareth, his so that no one will perish by eat or drink, or with regard boyhood home, he went as following their example of to a religious festival, a usual to the synagogue on disobedience." New Moon celebration or the Sabbath and stood up to a Sabbath day. These are a [Hebrews 4:11 NIV] read the Scriptures." shadow of the things that [Luke 4:16 NIV] were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ." [Colossians 2:16-17 NIV] The writer speaks of a Sab-Why do you think Paul What did Jesus do each and every Sabbath? Why do bath rest that is available commands us to not judge for his followers. What do others on how they celeyou think he did this each you think it is? What does brate a Sabbath? What kind week? it look like for you to enter of Sabbath rules or practicinto it? es have you seen and heard before? Some do not enter into this Jesus is the reality, not fol-Do you make it a priority to eternal rest because of lowing legalistic rules about attend church each week? their disobedience. What the Sabbath. How can you Would others say it is your "usual" thing to do on godly disobedience do you make Jesus your reality need to work on today? in your celebration of the Sundays? Sabbath?



WEEK 5 - PARENTS

CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1. What were some odd or frustrating rules your parents had while you were growing up?
- 2. Growing up, how did you honor your parents? When have you dishonored them?
- 3. Do you think children today are more or less respectful to their parents as previous generations? Why or why not?

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

1. The first four commandments deal with our relationship with God, while the last six are directed toward others. Why do you think the fifth commandment is the first in this section that relates to others?

2. Read Exodus 20:12. God could have used words like obey, respect, or value our parents. Why do you think he chose the word "honor"?

3. What do you think the promise that accompanies this command means? How have you heard this misused?

4.	When have you been told "because I said so" by your parents or another authority? Why do you think God gave a promise and explanation for this commandment?
5.	At a communal level, this commandment is meant to encourage exemplary faith that is passed down from generation to generation. What faith example did you have growing up? What example are you setting for the next generation?
6.	At a personal level, we are still commanded to obey and respect our parents. Read Ephesians 6:1-4. How does this harmonize earthly and godly obedience?
7.	What does the phrase "in the Lord" mean in Ephesians 6:1?
8.	Read Colossians 3:18-25. What is the result of children obeying parents? How do the surrounding verses provide clarity for the reasons behind submitting to authorities?

- 1. If you are a parent, what needs to change so you can be a godly example your children can emulate?
- 2. How can you show and encourage mutual submission in your family this week?
- 3. How can you show more honor and respect to the authorities in your life?

PRAY FOR ONF-ANOTHER

PRAY FOR MISSIONS OF THE WEEK

Haitian Island Ministries

Steve & Terry Smith, WCC members

This organization operates medical programs providing free vitamins, medicine, and medical care and feeding programs which provide a daily meal for thousands of Haitian children each month. They also build schools and churches in some of the most remote areas of Haiti. Their medical program has served hundreds of thousands of Haitians. haitianislandministries.org

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"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children." [Deuteronomy 6:6-7a NIV]		DAY 2: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." [Ephesians 6:1 NIV]		DAY 3: "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you." [Exodus 20:12 NIV]		
•	What commandments or instructions have your parents given to you that you still honor or remember today?	•	In what ways did you disobey your parents growing up? When was a time their rules helped you or protected you?	•	Of all of the relationships that God could have commanded us to show honor in, why do you think he chose this one?	
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>	Are God's commandments on your heart? Were they impressed on you? How can you impress them on the next generation?	>	What do you think it means to obey "in the Lord"? How can your actions this week bring honor to your family?	-	How can you honor your parents this week, either in person or in spirit of their legacy?	
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DΔY 5· DAY 6. DAY 4. "'Cursed is anyone who "But those who won't care "Children, obey your parents dishonors their father or for their relatives, especially in everything, for this pleasmother.' Then all the people es the Lord." those in their own house-[Colossians 3:20 NIV] shall say, 'Amen!'" hold, have denied the true [Deuteronomy 27:17 NIV] faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers." [1 Timothy 5:8 NLT] When have you brought dis-Why do you think God is What is the difference behonor to the family name? so concerned with the way tween obeying and honor-Did you try to make it right we treat our parents and ing our parents? What is the and recover the dignity of relatives? What is the result result? your family name? of not providing for our parents and relatives? Why do you think God is How can you show your How can you please God in not just concerned with His love and care for your your actions toward your name and reputation, but parents, household, and parents and family this also with the honor of our relatives this week? week? parents? How can you bring honor to God and your family this week?