

# LG | Leader

[Exodus 20:4-6]

## WARM-UP (10 mins)

It is likely that everyone present had a very busy day, maybe even a trying day. Let's take a moment to still our minds and go the Lord in prayer.

- What impacted you the most when listening to Sunday's message?

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Read the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment, Exodus 20:4-6. At first glance, what do we learn about God?

God is serious about who we worship and how we worship. In fact, He is concerned enough to say that he is jealous for our worship. He also makes it clear that there are consequences for those who hate Him and there is unending love for those who love Him.

2. How is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment both similar and different from the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment?

Both deal with idolatry. The first deals with the idolatry through the worship of a false god, the second deals with idolatry through the worship of any god by means of an idol. They are both very closely connected, indicated by their placement together in the Scriptures.

3. Many often struggle with the concept that God is jealous, what is God saying when He says that he is jealous?

God does not share His glory (Isaiah 42:8). God knows that as Creator, Provider, and Sustainer, He alone is the best thing for us. Therefore, His jealousy is righteous. He does not need our worship, but it belongs to Him.

4. Likewise, what does it mean when God says that he visits the iniquities of multiple generations?

This text speaks primarily to the consequence and implications of sin. This is not so much about a generational curse but more so a generational consequence. There is a high price to pay for the iniquities of man and our sin has a ripple effect that goes far and wide. Our only hope of escape is the blood of Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit.

5. When we think about idolatry, what is really the ultimate offense? What is at the root?

Ultimately, an idolater finds satisfaction apart from God. When we find something we love more than God, we essentially say to God, "You are not enough, I have found something better. I have found satisfaction elsewhere."

6. When you feel idolatry creeping into your life, how does the Bible teach us to deal with it?

Prayer, Confession, Repentance/Elimination, Turn to Jesus

7. How would you describe idolatry to a friend, or maybe a child?

[Help you group navigate some possible responses]

## **PRAY**

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**