



## NEW HORIZONS SMALL GROUPS

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Sermon Title: Exodus - Ten Commandments

Scripture Reference: Exodus 19-20

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### Connection:

- What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- What's one big experience or thing do you want to do before the end of summer?

### Reflection:

- Summarize this week's sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?

### Application (Note - you will have to choose what questions you will use.)

1. Knowing the story: Can you as a group tell the story of Exodus from Moses up to Exodus 24?
2. We were told the covenant is an agreement created by God between God and His people. What parts of the covenant are you aware of that God included?
3. If you were assigned the task to come up with the critical ingredients of a covenant, between you and God, what would you include? What would you not include?
4. We live in a culture that puts a high value on individualism. We love the idea that "I can do anything I want", within my abilities. Consequently, we tend to be repelled against anything or anyone that might take that independence away.
  - What are the obstacles in this culture to acknowledging that God is to be obeyed?

- What are the obstacles in your life which keep you from obeying God?
  - Lack of obedience and idolatry seem to be 1<sup>st</sup> cousins.
5. As a direct correlation, Exodus 20:3 states, "You shall have no other gods before Me." Randy referred to J D Greear talking about idol factories.
    1. An Idol is whatever we feel we cannot live without.
    2. Tim Keller said, an idol is behind our loftiest dreams, our scariest nightmares and our most unyielding emotions.
    3. What one thing do you hope is in your future?
    4. What is the one thing you most worry about losing?
    5. If you could change one thing about yourself right now, what would it be?
    6. What thing have you sacrificed most for?
    7. Who is there in your life that you feel that you cannot forgive?
    8. In what ways can these be idols in a person's life?
  6. What does God want you to work on?

## **7. Closing prayer**