

Sermon Questions: Big Ten Intro

Exodus 20:1-18

1. As a group, try to name all Ten of the Ten Commandments without looking in the Bible.
2. Share a time when you broke any kind of rule or law and suffered no apparent negative consequences.
3. Share a time when you broke any kind of rule or law and suffered the consequences.
4. Pastor Mark points out that many churches do not intentionally teach, study and reinforce the Ten Commandments today. Why do you think that is true?
5. Pastor Mark draws a distinction between several different categories of law found in the Bible, especially in the Old Testament. There is Civil Law, Dietary Law, Ceremonial Law and Moral Law. How does this understanding help you discern between laws that were designed for ancient Hebrews during a certain period of history and laws that are given for all of humankind for all time?
6. Read Exodus 20:1-18. Which of the Ten Commandments do you think get violated most in modern day America?
7. Why do you think the first four commandments are considered part of the Moral Law rather than part of the Ceremonial Law?
8. Pastor Mark argues that the best indication of love for God is not an emotional feeling, but a willingness to obey His commands. Do you agree or disagree, why or why not?

9. Is it possible to obey God's commands but not really love God?
10. Obedience to the law does not earn us a spot in heaven. Then what role does the law play in our lives and why should we care about obedience?
11. Why should we view the Ten Commandments as a gracious gift from a loving God rather than as a strict law code given by an angry God who wants to control us?