



TEN: No Other Gods | April 20, 2016

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

The 10 Commandments may seem like a list of outdated rules, but they are much more a reflection of God's desire to have a relationship with us. When we ask the question "why?" The answer is that God wants what's best for us.

Key Verse

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Discussion

When it comes to motivating people to do something all the leadership books point to one word: WHY. We have to know why in order to really commit to a decision, a vision, or a goal. The same goes for rules.

1. What rules did you have as a kid that you didn't really understand or maybe even disagreed with?
2. Were there rules that you understood or rules that you still follow today because you see the benefit?

As kids we assumed (for the most part) that our parents had our best interest in mind. Even when we disagreed with a rule, it is still generally assumed that they set it with good intentions. God's 10 Commandments are no different.

3. In what ways has God proven that He has our best interest in mind?
4. What rules or other things in the Bible make it hard for you to understand God's intentions?

There are selections from the Bible that can get confusing and difficult. However, if you consider the entire narrative, God pursues a relationship with us and He goes to great lengths to earn our trust. He did all of this without strings attached, but all healthy relationships require a give and take. All God asks is that if we chose to follow Him that we commit to Him and Him alone.

5. How do you feel about God asking you to have only one God?
6. At the time this was written there were a lot of different beliefs and gods, what do you think are some examples of having other gods in today's time?

What's Next?

God has proven that He loves us, wants a relationship with us, and wants what's best for us. If you believe He has earned the right to be the only God in your life, what needs to change about the way you live your life? If we consider the things we would ask for in a committed relationship with another human, how can you show God that you are committed to Him? This week look for more regular ways to talk with God, learn about Him, and give Him more of your time and undivided attention.