



## TEN: No False Idols | April 27, 2016

### Discussion Guide

#### The Scoop

The 10 Commandments are about priorities. If we spend our time or money on things that are less important, it leaves little to no room for the most important things. The same is true with our faith.

#### Key Verse

**Galatians 5:13-15 (MSG)**

*It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom.*

#### Discussion

Dave Ramsey teaches of the importance of a household budget in his world-class financial program *Financial Peace University*. One of the lessons you can learn from setting up a budget is that after you set it, you worry much less about your day to day finances. Once your priorities are set, the rest falls in line.

1. What are some of your daily priorities for which you plan?
2. What are some examples of financial habits that may not allow you to fulfill other commitments or priorities?

There is a classic example when discussing priorities that includes rocks, pebbles, sand, and water with a goal to fit it all into the jar. If you start with anything other than the big rocks, you cannot get it all to fit. However, if you start with the large rocks all of the other items follow from largest to smallest and fill in the gaps.

3. What would you say are your biggest priorities in life? Do you live like they are your priorities?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment in Exodus 20:4-6 discusses consequences for acting outside of this commandment that can affect many generations beyond those who choose not to follow this commandment. The money example paints a clear picture of how this works for or against us exponentially. Ultimately, God wants us to be free. Freedom starts with putting God first and letting all other things fill in the gaps.

4. If God were the first rock in your jar, what other things would easily fall in to place?
5. Is there any rock that is preventing God from being first and stealing your freedom?

#### What's Next?

There is a saying that says, "Money is like air...you think about it a lot more when you don't have any." If you budget your money, you can focus on the priorities as they relate to money. Freedom is found in prioritizing God and focusing on the priorities as it relates to Him. How can you adjust your current schedule or "time budget" to reflect God as your priority? Consider the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment this week "No False idols" and how you can work to put nothing before God!