

April 12, 2026 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

“The LORD God Graciously Delivers His Covenant Demands” – Exodus 20:1-21

Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-18) to Answer from the Text:

1. In the first commandment, what was Israel not to have (v. 3)? What does this mean?
2. In the second commandment, what were Israelites forbidden to make (vv. 4-6)? What happens to generations of families that either obey or disobey?
3. In the third commandment, what was not to be taken in vain (v. 7)? What does “in vain” mean?
4. In the fourth commandment, what is to be kept holy (vv. 8-11)? What does this mean?
5. In the fifth commandment, who is to be honored (v. 12a)? What is the promise connected to this commandment (v. 12b)?
6. In the sixth commandment, what must never be done (v. 13)? What does this mean?
7. In the seventh commandment, what must people not commit (v. 14)? What does this mean?
8. In the eighth commandment, what must not be done (v. 15)? What does this mean?
9. In the ninth commandment, what are people not to do (v. 16)? What does this mean?
10. In the tenth commandment, what must never be done (v. 17)? What does this mean?
11. What happened when the people heard God’s voice (vv. 18-19)?
12. What was one of the reasons God spoke to the people as He did (v. 20)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

13. What is at the heart of chapters 19-24 in Exodus?

14. How do we know that God did not give His covenant through Moses to be a method or system by which the people of Israel would gain or merit their position and standing as God's people?
15. How should we view the Mosaic Covenant in relationship to the previous covenants that God gave?
16. What are some of the elements of the prior covenants that are enshrined in the Mosaic Covenant?
17. What has always been required as the condition of all God's post-Fall arrangements of His gracious covenant?
18. How would God's covenant law be seen by the nations around Israel when they heard its statutes and stipulations (see Deuteronomy 4:6-7)?
19. Was the Mosaic Covenant a physical and national covenant or a spiritual and individual covenant?
20. How do Jews and Reformed and Evangelical churches traditionally number the Ten Commandments distinct from the Roman Catholic tradition?
21. What is a common division of the Ten Commandments?
22. Why do you suppose that most of the Ten Commandments are expressed in negative terms?
23. How are the Ten Commandments abused?
24. Why are the Ten Commandments still needed by us today?