

Looking Deeper:

Look up these passages that address the “greatest commandment”:

Jesus as the fulfillment of the law (Matthew 5:17)

Loving your neighbor as yourself (Lev 19:33-34; Matt 7:12, 19:19, 22:36-40; Mark 12:29-31; Luke 10:25-37; John 15:10-12; Rom 13:8-10; Gal 5:14; Jas 2:8)

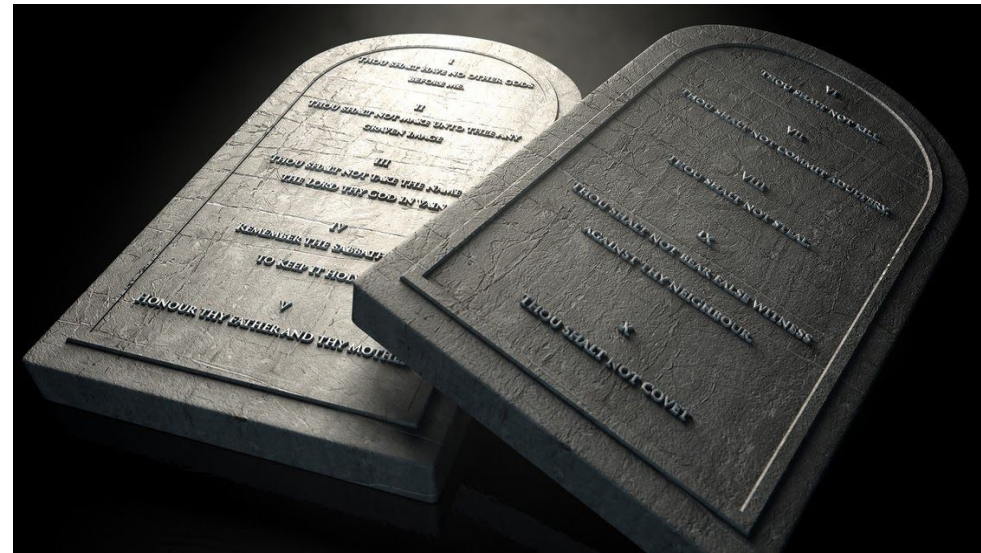
The goal of the Law (Torah) is freedom in loving relationships (Deut 20:1-20; Ps 119:41-48; Jas 1:22-25)

Change of hearts in the new covenant: Jer. 24:7, 29:13, 31:31-34, 32:38-40, Ez. 11:19, 36:26

Looking Forward: Mark 14:1-26

Exodus

YHWH Saves



Exodus 19-32

10 Commandments, The Law

Looking Back: Red Sea

What comes to mind when you hear “The Law”?

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Discussion Questions

1. Where have you seen the Ten Commandments displayed? Where have you heard them talked about?
2. What do you start thinking about when people talk about the Ten Commandments? Do you feel like they are a measuring stick to tell you whether you are a success or failure?
3. When you consider that the law is not just rules, but the whole counsel of God in the 5 books of the Torah, how does it change the way you think about the 10 commandments?
4. Why is it easier to follow rules rather than engage in relationship?
5. How is Jesus the fulfillment of the Law? Why is this Good News for us as believers?
6. When we reduce loving God to checking the boxes and following rules, what effect does it have on our relationship with God and others? Are we humbled? Do we become more loving?
7. In our culture today, there are also some that approach God from the opposite extreme. Some reduce loving God to how He makes me feel or what He does for me and that righteousness, truth or structure don't matter. What effect does that approach have on our relationship with God and others?
8. Consider how you might be approaching God incorrectly. List something that you need to lay down to love God better (maybe a checklist of rules, maybe an expectation that God owes you comfort, etc) List something you can pick up to love God better (can be an action or an attitude)
9. How can you rely on others to help you love God more completely? How can you help others love God more completely?