

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 5-14-2023

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

Opener Question or Activity: When was a time where you had an authority figure give you directions that you messed up? What was the consequence?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21 -
The first 6 Commandments

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question.)*

Read aloud Exodus 20:2-23

1. Pastor Al revealed these first five commandments have a theme. Do you agree that they all do? Can you explain what that theme is and why it is important?
2. Which one of these specifically affects your family if you disobey it? Why do you think this one in particular does that?
3. What has been your history with the 10 Commandments? What do you remember about them as you were growing up?
4. Read in Deuteronomy 5:22-29. What is it that Moses is saying about the people's response? What is the heart of God for His people?(vs 29)
5. Is there anything confusing about God's will regarding His commands?
6. How does fearing God(vs. 29) relate to the first 5 commandments and does that really make sense or is it confusing to you?
7. How can you "fear God" in your relation to these commands, this week?

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?