

Series Introduction

- Reasons for teaching and studying the Ten Commandments
 1. There is a lot of _____ in modern Christianity about the role of the Ten Commandments in the life of a follower of Jesus.
 2. Whenever Christians have thought about how to convey the fullness of the faith to others we've tended to use _____ primary resources: the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments.
 3. We find ourselves living in a culture that has **lost** its moral compass.
- The Ten Non-Commandments from *Atheist Mind, Humanist Heart: Rewriting the Ten Commandments for the Twenty-first Century*
- Our culture is noticeably _____ and illogical in what it claims as its moral code.

Written on Our Hearts

- Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis, Part One – "Right and Wrong as a Clue to the Meaning of the Universe"
- Romans 2:14-15
- There is universal moral truth, and that truth is _____ in the Ten Commandments and _____ within us.

The First Word

- "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:2-3).
- The first word asks us to worship God to the _____ of all other gods.

- The salvation Jesus offers is deliverance from not just the penalty of sin, but from the _____ of sin in our lives today.

Christ Alone

- Three Uses of the Law
 1. Show us of our _____ for a Savior
 2. Restrain evil in society
 3. Guide us in _____ living
- On this side of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the first commandment _____ we should give to Christ alone the worship he is due.

How will you respond to God's word today?

Reflection Questions

1. How might studying the Ten Commandments be helpful to us today?
2. What inconsistencies do you see in the way our culture defines right and wrong?
3. Read Romans 2:14-15 aloud. Have you sensed that "the requirements of the law are written on [your] heart?" How?
4. Read the Heidelberg Catechism on the first commandment and discuss.

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #94

Q. What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

A. That I, not wanting to endanger my own salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, sorcery, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. That I rightly know the only true God, trust him alone, and look to God for every good thing humbly and patiently, and love, fear, and honor God with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against God's will in any way.

5. How is God getting your attention?
6. What is God saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?