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# Count to Ten

## *Important Info*

### *Study Help*

Along the way, you might consider these beneficial additional resources.

The first resource is Jen Wilkin's book "Ten Words to Live By." Copies of this book can be purchased before or after Sunday services at Connection Central.

The second resource is a free online commentary that can be found at <https://bit.ly/3slhfjx>



### *Friendly Reminder*

Don't let your familiarity with the Ten Commandments prevent you from thinking deeply about what they mean in the life of the Church, and in your life specifically.

### *Important Dates*

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| <b>June 1- July 27</b> | Summer Reading Club  |
| <b>June 13-17</b>      | Kids Virtual VBS     |
| <b>June 20-24</b>      | Generate Summer Camp |
| <b>June 27-July 1</b>  | Connect Camp         |

Additional information for these events and more can be found online at [LegacyChurch.org](https://LegacyChurch.org)

### *Scripture Memory (optional)*

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. - Exodus 20:2-3 (NASB)

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## Group Discussion / Exodus 20:1-3

### Opening

When you think of the Ten Commandments, what comes to mind?

Can you name the Ten Commandments, in order, without looking at the Bible?

Are Christians supposed to abide by the Ten Commandments? Why or why not?

Dr. Kevin Zuber, in The Moody Bible Commentary, states "*The opening words of the Decalogue proclaim three great theological truths: The Lord is the God who speaks (in words), He is self-revealing, the God who relates: I am the LORD your God. The Lord is the God who acts, He is the God who redeems, who brought you out.*" Of those three truths (God speaks, God relates, God acts), what do you find hardest to believe is true? Why is that? In what way(s) does the Ten Commandments help you see and believe that God speaks, relates, and acts?

### Bible Study

Jen Wilkin made the observation that "*The message to the Israelites at the foot of Mount Sinai is clear: before you can obey me as the God of the Ten Words of life, you must revere me as the God of the ten plagues of death.*" Why is this observation important as we come to the first commandment? In what ways might the Israelites have been tempted to not follow God as the one and only God? In what ways are you tempted to place God on a shelf as one of many other "gods"?

In what way(s) is the First Commandment about position (no other gods comparable), rather than about ranking (no other gods higher)? Knowing what you do about Israel, how well do they obey the First Commandment? Share stories from Scripture where Israel's obedience or disobedience has left a mark in your faith.

In what way(s) does the First Commandment beckon you to walk in resurrection life (i.e. how does the First Commandment call you to have faith in Jesus only, rather than anything or anyone else for salvation)?

Do you find yourself in obedience to the First Commandment? Why or why not? What specific step(s) would you need to take (with the help of the Spirit) to begin to be faithfully obedient to God in regards to the First Commandment?

### Closing

In what way(s) can you live out the First Commandment, with the Spirit's help, this week?