



# 10 COMMANDMENTS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

# The Tenth Commandment: To Tell the Truth

(Deuteronomy 6.1-15)

Week of November 25th, 2018

## WELCOME

Talk about your group schedule and format, expectations, how your meetings will go, etc. Especially highlight schedule for the holidays and for Theology Labs in January (see below).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Share the following things coming up in the life of the church:*

### **Open Gym Basketball (now Coed) | Moving to Sunday Nights in December, 7-9p**

Basketball at Sharpsburg Elementary is moving from Monday nights to Sunday evenings from 6-8pm. It's open gym style, come and go as you please. If you can spare \$5 when you come that's great but don't let that be a limiting factor. Guys and gals are welcome. Reach out to Patrick Clinton with questions: [pdclinton@gmail.com](mailto:pdclinton@gmail.com)

### **Christmas Store | Saturday December 8**

Want to share the love of the gospel while empowering folks in our community this holiday season? Get involved in the Christmas Store on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-3:30pm. The Christmas Store is a collaboration between New City Church and New Life Temple to serve need-based families in the community. It takes so many helping hands to make this beautiful day a success. Join us by Praying, Serving or Giving! Visit The City for all of the details and don't forget to grab an ornament from the Christmas Tree in the Commons today! Your unwrapped gifts should be returned on or before Sunday, December 2nd. Know a need-based family who would be blessed by the Christmas Store this year? Have them go to <http://newcitycincy.org/christmas-store> for more information or to register as a shopper.

### **Christmas Party and Hymnsing | Friday, December 14th 6:30-8:30p**

We'll have live music, coffee, adult beverages, fun snacks and Christmas treats to enjoy, some carol singing, plus fun activities for kids. Visit the City to sign up to **bring a holiday treat or to help with the kids' activities**. We hope you'll join us and bring some neighbors/friends/co-workers/family!

### **Redtree Art Show & Music Series | Starting Friday, January 11th**

New City is organizing the January-February art show at Redtree as well as a series of live music events on Fridays. We need YOUR help! Please submit artwork (see the City for more info) and join us Friday, January 11th and subsequent Fridays for art, coffee, and live music!

### **Winter Theology Labs | Wednesday in January 6-7:30p**

Our theology labs are designed to be short-term, focused opportunities for topical study, discussion, and reflection. Meant to supplement and support weekly worship and community groups, this round of theology labs will happen once a week on 4 Wednesdays beginning on January 9th. Labs are \$10, childcare will be provided, and you MUST register by December 31st. Labs: The Question of God: Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis Debate God, Love, Sex and the Meaning of Life w/ Paul Boys & Josh Reitano; Prayer: Experiencing Awe & Intimacy with God w/ Dave Dupee & Ryan Zhang; How to Read the Bible w/ Mike Previterra; Understanding Poverty w/ Marianne Chernesky; The Art of Neighboring w/ Brian Ferry.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Open your group in prayer. Pray extemporaneously, or use this prayer: *Father in heaven, we pray that you would give us eyes to see and ears to hear as we spend time together this evening opening your Scriptures and discussing what it means for our lives. Help us spur one another on toward love and good deeds, for your glory. Amen.*

## **ICBREAKER**

Two Options: (1) We just past Black Friday, please share your best or worst Black Friday shopping experience. (2) If you are over this whole Black Friday thing, where and when do you do your Christmas shopping these days?

## **STUDY/DISCUSSION**

1. What has been the most challenging Commandment for you after you have listened to the entire series on the Ten Commandments?
2. Read the story of the Rich Young Man in Matthew 19, what is this man lacking in following all the commandments? What do you feel is lacking in your effort to follow the commandments?
3. How do you usually express your love for God? What evidence or testimony can you share to demonstrate your love for God?
4. Deuteronomy 6:2 teaches that one of the purposes of the Ten Commandments is for us to "fear the LORD." At the same time, 6:5 commands us to "love the LORD." How do fear and love work together? Have you ever feared and loved someone at the same time?
5. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 commanded the Israelites to teach the commandments to their children every moment of their lives. How did you first learn about the Ten Commandments? How did you learn to love God?
6. Please read through the Ten Commandments again, Deuteronomy 5:6-21, what does each of these commandments teach you about the LORD?
7. What are some of the things in prosperity that often cause us "forget the LORD" (Deut. 6:12) and "go after other gods" (6:14)? How can we use times of prosperity to worship God?
8. Deuteronomy 6:10-11 describes all of God's blessings to Israel that they did not work for. In the season of Thanksgiving, please share and give thanks to all the blessings that God has given you this year that you did not work for.

## **PRAY**

Take some time to pray together. This can be done together as a whole group, or in smaller groups. Exchange prayer requests. You may also use the prayer below if it's helpful. (And leaders, follow up with a post on the City or as a "Resource" in Planning Center with a list of prayer requests as a reminder to be praying for one another).