

1. Opening Weekly Christian

Formation

Question 9* What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

Answer: First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.

Scripture Reference: Deuteronomy 6:13-14

- 2. August 17 Sermon Study Questions | Revelation 1:9-20
- *Read the passage aloud together.
- *Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.
- 1. From our previous passage, we discussed the necessity of anchoring ourselves to the truth of God and the truth of our salvation in order to face "the things that must soon take place" (1:1). How have you done anchoring yourselves to these truths?
- 2. In 1:9-20, John lays out some important details before he directly addresses the seven churches. What are these details and why are they important to know before he lays out the instructions of the churches?
- 3. How is Jesus described in v.12-16? What does this tell us about Jesus?

- 4. What do the lampstands and angels represent? What does this tell us about the way Christ leads His churches?
- 5. How does John respond to the vision of Jesus in v.17-19?
- 6. John describes Jesus, the One the churches are to follow, before calling them to faithfully obey and persevere through trials. Why is this an important foundation before leading into the rest of Revelation?
- 7. What aspect of Jesus do you need to cling to in order to more faithfully follow Him?

3. Closing Time of Prayer

Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people. Pray that you will make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

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