

TEACHING THE ELEVEN COMMANDMENTS
STONES TURNED TO FLESH

look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, "How did we do?" Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

PRAYER - Begin with prayer, inviting Jesus into the conversation.

Then discuss last week's assignment:

- How did you practice contentment and gratitude with a grandchild?
- Did you become more aware of messages encouraging you to want more?
- Did you struggle to celebrate someone else's blessing because you wished you had received it yourself?
- Can you share a victory over the "want monster" within you?

look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God's Word by asking, "What does Jesus want us to know?" If you haven't already, watch this week's video: *"Stones Turned to Flesh."* Then use the summary, questions, and Scriptures below to draw out the main truths together.

WATCH: Episode 11: Stones Turned to Flesh

Episode Summary

The Ten Commandments were written on stone, but none of us has ever kept them perfectly. Jesus did. He took on flesh, fulfilled God's law through His life, and paid the penalty for our failure to keep it. Then He gave His followers a new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

That raises the standard beyond anything we can accomplish in our own strength. But Jesus does not leave us to do the impossible alone. Through the Holy Spirit, His presence and power enables us to become more like Him. As we conclude this series, the goal is not simply to teach our NextGen loved ones commandments written on a page, but to let them see those truths come alive through the Spirit of Christ living in us.

When we look at the life of Jesus, we see a living embodiment of the commandments.

HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you're studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward.** For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

ABOUT THIS STUDY

God's commandments give us a moral compass for navigating a world where truth and values are increasingly up for grabs. This eleven-part series explores the Ten Commandments and Jesus' "new commandment" to love one another as He has loved us. More than a list of restrictions, God's commands reveal His character, show us our need for Jesus, and guide us in passing on His legacy of love to the next generations.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. How does knowing that Jesus perfectly fulfilled God's commandments change the way you approach your own failures?
2. What makes Jesus' command to love others "as I have loved you" such a challenging standard?
3. Where are you most tempted to rely on your own strength instead of the Holy Spirit?
4. What are your NextGen loved ones learning about Jesus by watching the way you live?
5. How can you teach God's commandments without making your grandchildren feel that they must earn His love?

Episode Notes

1. Jesus fulfilled what we could not.

- No one has perfectly kept God's commandments.
- Jesus lived them perfectly and fulfilled the law for us.

2. Jesus gives us a new commandment.

- We are called to love one another as Jesus has loved us.
- His sacrificial love becomes our new standard.

3. We cannot do it in our own strength.

- Loving like Jesus is impossible through human effort alone.
- The Holy Spirit gives us the power and presence of Christ.

4. The Spirit forms Christ in us.

- The fruit of the Spirit reflects the character of Jesus.
- Our lives increasingly become living expressions of His love.

5. The commandments must become more than words.

- Biblical truth is caught more than taught.
- Our NextGens need to see the life of Jesus lived through us.

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 13:34 - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Jesus does not discard the commandments that came before. He gives His followers an even greater standard: **love others the way He loves us.** His own life shows us what that love looks like.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:22–23 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." We cannot produce the character of Jesus through determination alone. As the Holy Spirit works within us, Jesus becomes increasingly visible in the way we think, speak, and love.

look forward

Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, "What does Jesus want us to do?" Commit to practical steps for living out this week's lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and move forward together in faith and hope.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

Matthew 5:17; John 15:13; 2 Corinthians 3:6; John 14:16–17; Matthew 28:20

THIS EPISODE'S ASSIGNMENT

This week, dialogue with a grandchild or NextGen loved one about which of God's commandments they find hardest to live out. Listen, then share honestly about one you struggle with too. Explain that we do not earn God's love by perfectly keeping His commands. Jesus kept them perfectly for us, paid the penalty for our failures, and gives us His Spirit to help us become more like Him.

Together, choose one practical, and seemingly impossible, way to love like Jesus this week, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you follow through.

PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS

- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to reach NextGen loved ones?

SHARE WITH THE GROUP

Encourage sharing commitments, prayer needs, and real-life stories. Close in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your NextGen loved ones love like Jesus.