

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Origins
Week 4 Study

Icebreaker

What part of a wedding ceremony do you enjoy the most and why?

Passage 1

**Genesis 4:19 | 11:29 | 12:19 | 21:2 | 24:4 | 24:7 | 24:40 |
Genesis 24:48 | 25:1 | Exodus 20:1-2**

Reflection The Hebrew *Laqakh* describes the action of taking a wife for oneself or for another person. God uses this word to describe taking Israel out of Egypt. In what ways does viewing the ten commandments as a wedding ceremony give you a different perspective?

In what ways does viewing this as a wedding ceremony help you better understand what God must have felt when His people worshipped the golden calf? (Hint: they had an affair at the wedding).

Passage 2

Exodus 20:1-17

Reflection What has been your experience in seeing the connection between your obedience to God's commands and the depth of your intimacy in relationship with him?

What command sticks out to you most and why?

Which command do you struggle with the most and why?

What does it mean in Jeremiah 31:31-34 that God will eventually write these commands on your hearts?

Passage 3 Ephesians 5:25-33

Reflection In marriage, a husband is called to protect and care for his wife. In what ways has God demonstrated protection of you?

What has God willing to lay down and sacrifice for his bride?

Can anything defeat the protective covering of God's love for His people? Why or Why not?

Application

In the same way that God loves and sacrifices for us, we need to love and sacrifice for each other. The ten commandments is not just for how we are to live in relationship with God, but how we are supposed to live in relationship with each other. The same way God forgives us and continues to love us when we hurt him, we need to extend the same forgiveness and grace in our own relationships.

Journal

Journal area for reflection and application.