

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Discussion Questions 2/26/23

Commandment #2 - No Idols

Family Check-up:

What is God teaching you in your quiet time?

Who have you had the privilege of reaching out to this week?

Intro: What is an idol? You might be surprised to find out that it's more than a statue representing than a false god. There are many things that creep into our lives and attempt to take the place of God and lower the God of the Bible to a lesser status. The key to being the human you were created to be is keeping God where he should be in your life.

Read: Exodus 20:4-6

1. While the second commandment may seem irrelevant for today, there are many idols that we continue to manufacture. What are some idols that we still manufacture today and what might it look like for them to be idols in a person's life?
2. God called humanity to subdue the earth and to rule the beasts. When people pursue idols they become subhuman and more like the beasts (think Nebuchadnezzar - Daniel 4:28-33). How have you seen our society, even global society, become subhuman by pursuing idols?
3. God told us not to make false images because he already made an image... us. Humanity was made in the image of God. When we worship false idols we begin to reflect and to image those idols rather than God. What does this do to the way we value other people?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 8. What wisdom does Paul provide for Christians living in a society full of idols?
5. Even good things can become idols if they become god things. How can we avoid turning good things into god things?
6. When Jesus came, he preached the gospel while also healing and meeting the needs of those forgotten by society. How might allowing Jesus to smash our idols change the way we day-to-day live like Jesus, both as individuals and as the church?

Pray: Take a moment to ask for forgiveness for all the ways we have manufactured and continue to manufacture idols. Ask God to reveal the ways we have elevated stuff to the

position only he should have. Pray that as Jesus breaks the idols of our lives we would begin to better reflect him and the work he wants to do through us.