

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-7

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God's name is inextricably connected to his identity as the one true God who redeems sinful humans through the redemptive work of his son Jesus Christ, and he rightfully demands that we revere and preserve his sacred name for worship and praise.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What is the purpose of the 10 Commandments? What do they reveal about God and us?
- What is God's name, and why did He disclose it (Exodus 3:13-15)? Why does God demand that his name be kept sacred? What does God's name testify about his nature, character, and purposes?
- Under the old covenant, what was the penalty for blaspheming God's name (Leviticus 24:6)? Why such a "harsh" consequence?
- What does "vain" mean? Give examples of how we misuse God's name in the following ways:
 - Flippant Expressions
 - Foolish oaths (Leviticus 19:12; Matthew 5:33-37)
 - Fake prophecies (Jeremiah 14:14; 23:25)
 - False pretenses (Matthew 7:21-23)
- How do we properly revere God's name (Psalm 29:2; 66:2; 72:19; 103:1; Colossians 3:17)?
- Why could Jesus rightfully attribute God's name to himself (John 8:58)? How did he perfectly fulfill the third commandment? What is the connection between Jesus' obedience and the gospel of our salvation?