

Be Like Him | 10 Commandments For Life

Exodus 20

1. **THINK:** How does the Law showcase the character of God. When you think of even the 10 commandments, how do they lead you to think of not just words, but of Him? **DO:** Survey your life. Pick 10 areas where the character of God revealed in the Law ministers to you. What difference does that make in your life and talk through that with others? Does it heighten your gratefulness for the law and commandments?
2. **THINK:** In and of itself, the Law is very weighty. Imagine how weighty it was for the Israelites. Now that Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets and the story of redemption has been completed in Christ and not our obedience, how do you see the Law fitting into that entire plan of God? **DO:** Plan how you could communicate this concept to someone unfamiliar with the law and with Christ? What are the major points you would want to include? How do you explain the plan of redemption from the Law to The Cross?
3. **THINK:** Idols come in many shapes and sizes. Realistically, you have probably been asked about the idols in your life through a sermon, small group, article, etc. Do you take seriously this task? Why is it easy, as believers in Jesus, for us to graze over the subject of idolatry and not allow a deeper digging into that issue in our lives? **DO:** If it is easy for you to stay in the shallow end and not go deeper when it comes to idolatry, repent of that before the Lord. Now, take some time and pray through different aspects of your life and ask God to reveal areas where you are self-righteous, prideful, self-sufficient or even ungrateful. **ANOTHER DO:** Make a list that includes these words: *safety, security, pleasure, fulfillment, purpose*. Now, alongside each word, list things in your life that you attach these to: for example, when it comes to security, you might list your bank account, your home, your family, etc. Is Jesus listed alongside each of these? Is He the mainstay for each of these or just a runner-up?
4. **THINK:** Is the Law still weighty for you? Are the 10 commandments burdensome for you? Why is that? Are you crushed by your lack of righteousness? How is that a good thing and how is that a bad thing? **DO:** Actively remember the ways that you have not fulfilled the Law and specifically the 10 commandments. Cement those in your heart. Now, determine why and how that truth might be an encouragement to your unsaved family member or neighbor. Think through why your own weakness and failure might be a great thrill for someone else to hear? Then, what do you need to communicate to complete the story for them? Are you willing to allow your rotten heart and sin to be a platform for God's glory in the salvation of someone else?
5. **KEEP DOING:** In this season of planting seeds and watering, make a list of all those around you that you meet on a daily or weekly basis. It is likely that most of them are clinging to the thought that they are good enough, do enough good things and are sufficient in and of themselves, to enter Heaven one day. You know that is a lie. Would you begin, little by little, to incorporate your own failings in your daily conversations in such a way that it

brings a natural platform for you to talk about how Christ's righteousness is enough and how you are **reliant upon a Savior** and *not Your Behavior*? **Begin praying for:**

- Your mail carrier
- Your dentist
- Your doctor
- Your neighbors
- Your unsaved family members
- The waiters and waitresses you encounter
- The person who helps with lawn care
- Childcare personnel
- Electricians, plumbers and other maintenance help
- Those in your neighborhood association
- Lifeguard
- Your child's coach
- Your children's teachers
- The person who takes care of your garbage (hasn't Jesus done that for you, too?)
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