

WORDS TO LIVE BY

A FRESH LOOK AT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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You Are Part of a Story

The opening verses of the Ten Commandments tell a story. They reveal the primary identity of the Lord and His people. This relationship, forged in the book of Genesis and the first half of Exodus, is the foundation for this central covenant. Everything depends upon it and flows from this starting point.

Read Exodus 20:1-2.

- What is the important theological truth in these opening verses of the Ten Commandments? How are they a basis for what follows? (see 1 John 4:19)
- How does your growing knowledge and appreciation of God's forgiveness impact your growth in faith and obedience to God's Word?
- How does this expanded definition of God's name help us better understand how we come to know God (Exodus 3:14-17)?
- In what specific ways does Jesus identify with the God who speaks the Ten Commandments (see John 8:31-36, 58)?
- Is it significant that God speaks these important words directly to the community? What might this say about our need to regularly hear from God through his Word in our own lives today?
- Is meeting with God daily your top priority?

Praying together

God and Father, help me to know you as a deliverer at greater depths in my life today.