

WORDS TO LIVE BY

A FRESH LOOK AT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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You were made for worship.

The second commandment prohibits making images of God as an enhancement to worship. Its unique focus helps us understand the relationship between images or fixed ideas and an infinite and invisible God. The commandment does not refer to the worship of other gods but to the worship of the true God in a false way. It holds great importance for the outworking of our faith in God today.

Read Exodus Exodus 20:4–6.

- Has your vision and understanding of God grown over the last many years? How has this affected your worship of Him?
- What motivated the people of Israel to create a fixed image of God so soon after receiving the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 32:1–4)? Are you ever tempted to worship a diminished God in your life today (a God more fit for your needs or fears)?
- What is the inherent danger in worshipping a fixed image of God? (see Romans 11:33–36)
- What is the meaning of the jealousy of God? How is this aspect of love a constructive force in God's relationship with us (Exodus 20:5–6)? (see Ephesians 5:25–27)
- According to the Bible, who is the perfect image of God? (see Colossians 1:15)
- How might our growing obedience to the Ten Commandments make us more in the image of God? (see Galatians 5:22–23)

Praying together

Holy Spirit, help me worship God more fully for who he truly is today.