


## Exodus: An Obedient People

Exodus 20:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6

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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Exodus 20:1-17 and 1 John 2:1-6. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 There are rules for everything. What kind of rules, family or otherwise, have most profoundly shaped your life?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

#### THE MAKER OF THE RULES

- 3 Are the rules God gives commandments or suggestions? How would you respond to someone who says, "Those are just your privately held personal beliefs"? Is God's law, or God himself, evolving and changing over time?
- 4 How is the statement, "Who am I to tell someone else what is right or wrong," indicative of the spirit of our culture?

- 5 How is “parenting” a helpful way to understand God as our lawgiver? Explain what Ray meant when he said, “If you think the rules are too much, then you don’t know the rule maker”.

#### THE SWEETNESS OF THE RULES

- 6 How are God’s rules (laws) an invitation to both intimacy and exclusivity?
- 7 What is the difference between a “Father in heaven” versus a “Grandfather in heaven”?
- 8 What was the point of the quote from Tom Brady? Does Jesus’ affection satisfy you more than anything else?

#### THE KEEPER OF THE RULES

- 9 Ray said, “Everybody breaks every commandment every day”. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not? Do you see yourself as a “capital offense” sinner or a “misdemeanor” sinner?
- 10 Explain what we mean when we say that Jesus is our advocate (or our attorney). What should you do when you have not been holy (broken the rules)?

### **Step 3: Final Reflections**

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?