

Love that Looks Like Obedience

Leader companion | Week Five | Deuteronomy 5:1-21

15 min Share life	10 min Read	35 min Study	10 min Back to Jesus	15 min Pray	85 min Total
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THE SERMON IN ONE BREATH

The Ten Commandments are ten words spoken to people God had already rescued. Three parts: the covenant is offered fresh to every generation (5:1-5), God rescues before he commands (5:6), and the ten words show love in two directions, toward God and toward neighbor, with Sabbath at the hinge (5:7-21). The sermon's illustrations: Exodus 14 coming months before Exodus 20, cheap grace as Bonhoeffer named it, and slaves who never got a day off.

WHERE THE OBSERVATION QUESTIONS ARE HEADING

- **Question 6, verses 1-5.** With us who are alive here today, not with our ancestors. Almost nobody in the crowd had stood at the mountain, and Moses says it anyway.
- **Question 9, verse 6.** I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt. Identity and rescue first; the first command does not arrive until verse 7.
- **Question 12, verses 7-21.** Everyone rests, sons and daughters, servants, animals, the resident alien. The reason is rescue: you were slaves, and the LORD brought you out.

IF SOMEONE ASKS ABOUT THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION

Someone in your group may ask about verse 9, where God speaks of consequences reaching the third and fourth generation. Keep it brief and keep it at the level of the sermon. Sin has a long shadow in families, which anyone who has lived in one knows. But the verse does not stop there: faithful love reaches a thousand generations. The ratio is the point. If the conversation runs long, offer to talk more after the meeting and move on.

ONE FACILITATION TIP

The honor your parents question in this section can open real wounds. The guide already says honor is not the same as obey, agree, or imitate. Read that sentence aloud before anyone answers, and be ready to follow up privately with anyone for whom this is not a theoretical question.

IF YOU ONLY HAVE 45 MINUTES, AND AFTER THE MEETING

Keep Share life question 3, one reading of the passage, questions 8, 11, 14, 15, the application panel, and prayer. Those are the dotted questions in the member guide. Afterward, scan the QR code on the back page of the member guide and answer two quick questions.