**WORDS OF LIFE**

Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today

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Chapter One

VIDEO DISCUSSION

1. Did you have thoughts or emotions as you watched the sun rise over Mount Sinai? Can you imagine yourself on top of that mountain talking to God as Moses did?

2. What did you learn about how the ancient Israelites were living?

3. What did you learn from the Adam’s conversation with Rabbi Nemitoff?

4. Think about ways we edge God out of our lives, or put things in the place of God in our lives. Name 2 or 3.

Study of Chapter One

1. Go to your Bible and read (out loud if possible), Exodus 3: 1-15.

2. What is God’s desire for His people in verses 7-8?

3. It is important to note that Adam points out that the Israelites would have been familiar with the many gods of Egypt. Moses’ question about what the name of God is understandable. Who do I say you are? In verses 14-15 God defines himself in two important ways. What are they? Does the explanation still leave you confused?

4. The Israelites learned that God wanted only the best for them. We see throughout scripture the evidence of God’s compassion, mercy, justice, and love for us. Read what Paul says in Ephesians 2:8-10a. How does this scripture relate to our scripture in Exodus?

Read Exodus 32: 15-16 which speaks of the tablets God gave to Moses. The first tablet had the first four commands that tell us how to love God. The second tablet had the remaining six commands that tell us how to treat one another. Exodus 20:2-3 says, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You SHALL HAVE NO GODS BEFORE ME.”

Adam thought the first commandment would be his easiest to follow. On further thought, he confesses that it may be the most challenging.

5. What do you find yourself putting before God? It’s easy to rationalize isn’t it? Where do you use your time and resources? What do you see others putting before God? Is this a commandment that you are or have struggled with?

Wrap Up: The Pharisees tested Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment. His reply in Matthew 22: 37-38 was “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.” How does this speak to every area of our lives? What is at the center of your life?