

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION
Exodus 20:1-26

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1. What was God's purpose in giving Israel laws to observe?
2. Read through the commandments from 20:3-17. Write down whether you think they are primarily directed toward relating to God or relating to other people?
3. What do you think God might be saying to his people through this double focus in the ten commandments?
4. Read Matthew 22:34-40. How does what Jesus says fit in with the structure of the ten commandments?
5. The commandments reflect the character of the God who gives them. What are some of the things that you can learn about God from what he commands in Exodus 20?
6. Who are the ten commandments for? (Remember, law flows from relationship Ex 19:4-6; 20:1-2)
7. Why should the people of Israel keep these commandments? What attitude should they have had to the commandments? What attitude should they have avoided?
8. What does it mean in v3 to 'have no other God before me'? What does it mean to have something as a god or an idol? What things are you prone to treat in this way?
9. The reformation leader Martin Luther reportedly said 'It's impossible to break any of the commandments without having already broken the first one'. Do you agree? Why / Why not?
10. Should Christians keep all the commandments? Why / Why not?