



*Reference: Exodus 20:1-3*

*June 27- July 1*

## **INTRODUCTION**

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Over the next few weeks our church will be studying the Ten Commandments. In so doing, we will be discussing how we can better love God and love others. This week we will be looking at the first commandment and talking about how God is the One and Only.

## **ICE BREAKER**

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Be honest, is there anything you are stingy with or jealous about? (Ex: Favorite chair, don't share food, spouse's attention etc.)

## **QUESTIONS**

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- 1.) What comes to mind when you hear the phrase x-factor?
- 2.) Some pastors have remarked that we might be more committed to the idea of the Ten Commandments more than the Ten Commandments itself. What do you think they mean by this?
- 3.) One of the things we learned on Sunday was that the One and Only speaks to His People. Read Exodus 20:1, we see that God himself gives the law to the Israelites. In remarking on this, Pastor Mark Driscoll stated "If the law is disconnected from the lawgiver, we could misunderstand the heart of the law." In what ways could we misunderstand the law if we forget that God is the one giving it?
- 4.) When thinking of the law, are you more prone to view them as instructions from a loving father, or as impersonal laws passed down from a dictator?
- 5.) Pastor John reminded us that the One and Only loves and delivers. Read v.2, God reminds them of how He delivered them before He asks for obedience. What are some of the ways that you have seen God's deliverance in your life?
- 6.) Lastly, we learned that the One and Only wants to be your One and Only. Read v.3, God tells Israel to have no other gods before Him. Why do you think this commandment is first? Do you think it's intentional?
- 7.) J.I. Packer stated that, "Your God is what you love, seek, worship, serve and allow to control you." What are some things in life that you might accidentally allow to take the place of God from time to time?