



Group Discussion and Application

1. Review the difference between commandment #1 (v.3) and #2 (vv.4-6).
2. Give some examples of idols/images of worship in our day.
3. Why do you think people want tangible idols to worship?
4. Explain some of the ways a man-made image cannot communicate the attributes of God.
5. God wants us to worship him His way. What is God's way? What elements are to be included in our worship? Which are being neglected in churches today? What replaces them? What elements should be excluded (or are questionable)?
6. Share some examples of the 'contagious' and communal aspects of sin and its consequences.
7. Bonus question for armchair theologians: The regulative principle of worship says we should include in worship those elements (and only those elements) prescribed by God. The normative principle says we are to free to use what God has not forbidden. Which principle should be followed? Why?
8. Another bonus question: How do you reconcile commandment #2 with God's instruction to Israel to fashion and look up to a bronze serpent on a pole (Num 21:8-9), or the making of images used in the tabernacle and temple (e.g., cherubim [Ex 25:18]; oxen [1Ki 7:25])?
9. What questions do you still have about commandment #2?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Evaluate your own worship. Are you worshipping only God? Only God's way? What changes do you need to make?
2. How might the sins in your life be affecting others?



Family Homework

1. Do a family study on the subject of worship. What does the Bible indicate should be included in our worship?
2. Discuss the worship of our church in light of your Bible study?
3. What can you do personally to be a better worshipper?



Only God's Way

Exodus 20:4-6

The 2nd commandment: *"You shall not make for yourself an idol..."*

1 The Rule.

2 The Reasons

3 The Results