

# Sermon Study Guide – March 4th, 2018:

## *Today's Focus – "Road to Redemption: Stay the Course"*

### 1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ As we speak about God's law (the 10 Commandments) today, what is the significance of the law to you? Is it a positive thing?
- ◆ Why might "*stay the course*" be a strange theme for a sermon that focuses *on* God's law? How can we understand this?

### 2) Today's Message: Exodus 20:1-17

*And God spoke all these words:<sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.*

<sup>3</sup> *"You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.<sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

<sup>7</sup> *"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

<sup>12</sup> *"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."*

### 3) What does God want you to know today?

*Throughout the sermon, consider...*

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

*Feel free to answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...*

1. How do most people feel when confronted by the law? How did the Israelites feel when confronted by God's law?
  
2. Today's sermon truly *digs* into the text (in the sermon's 1st half)... answer these questions to help you follow along:
  - ⇒ *How do verses 1-2 "frame" the commandments?*
  
  - ⇒ *What do verses 3-6 focus on? Commands & threats? If not, then what?*
  
  - ⇒ *What's the positive side of the commands found in verses 7-11?*
  
  - ⇒ *What's God add to the "commands" in verses 12-17? (later in sermon)*
  
3. In the sermon's 2nd half, answer the following:
  - ⇒ *What is the "spirit" behind the 10 Commandments?*
  
  
  - ⇒ *What do the 10 Commandments bring to us that is positive?*

#### 4) Taking it Home:

*Consider the following as you go about your week:*

- ◆ While we said in our sermon that we will be *blessed* by following God's law, how does God define blessings? What does true (godly) happiness look like, which results from being blessed? (*hint: check out Wednesday's reading!*)
- ◆ Which commandments do we tend to discuss, debate, or focus on the most? What commands does today's sermon text teach us we *should* be focusing on? Why are these the most important of God's commands?

*Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:*

**Monday:** review Romans 8:1-10

**Thursday:** Exodus 19:1-25

**Tuesday:** Deuteronomy 11

**Friday:** review Exodus 20:1-17

**Wednesday:** Matthew 5:3-12, 21-37

**Saturday:** Exodus 20:18-26