

The First Exodus: Rules for Release

Exodus 19:1-6, 20:1-21 | Gavin Brown | 12 May 2024 AM

The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group.

If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. When were you first introduced to the 10 Commandments? What was communicated to you as the *purpose* of these “rules”?
2. Which of the 10 Commandments would you consider the most *unexpected*?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scriptures: *Deuteronomy 8:2-3; Exodus 19:1-6, 20:1-21; Mark 10:17-21; Psalm 119:33-40*

1. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from Sunday's message?

Read Exodus 19:1-6

2. Why do you think that *understanding where you have been* is essential to understanding your call into *what could be*? (Go personal: Share an example of who you once were, and who you are now.)
3. In those times where we or others feel demoralised or dehumanised – in slavery – what does it mean to be considered a “treasured possession” by God?

Read Mark 10:17-21

4. In what ways can we be obedient to God, but still be captive? Or how have you seen Christians, like the Pharisees, turn rules that *release* into rules that *restrict*?

Read Exodus 20:18-21

5. How can we ensure we don't misunderstand God's intention and “remain at a distance” when God calls us to represent Him (priests)?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. Is there an area of life where you are *still a slave* or haven't submitted to God's rules that release?
2. Who is *someone* in your world that desperately needs to be told or reminded (by you) that God considers them a “treasured possession”?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

(You could also pray **Psalm 119:33-40** over each other.)

