

## QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION & GROUP DISCUSSION

—This week’s study/discussion questions are a combination of review and reaching deeper into the meaning of our salvation.

—**These initial questions are intended to encourage you to consider how the Ten Commandments relate to our lives in a personal way.**

—How often do you think about how we discern between what’s morally right and what’s morally wrong in God’s eyes? Do you see right and wrong as something that’s black and white, or do you think that right and wrong is relative to different situations and circumstances?

—How do you understand the Ten Commandments, are they a specific set of **requirements**, a system of **responsibilities**, or a defined set of **rules** that everyone is supposed to follow?

—Some people believe that our laws are based on the Ten Commandments. We might be able to say with some confidence that was true earlier in our country’s history, but not as much any more. How have things changed?

—Various biblical references state that the Law reveals that we all fall short of God’s standard. What do you think about that?

—**These quotations meant to make us think. Please note your personal thoughts after reading them.**

—The Law was NEVER intended to be a path to salvation from sin.

—The Lord’s Supper ISN’T a means of obtaining salvation either.

—Both of them enable us to REGULARLY RECOGNIZE the impact and importance of God’s grace!

—Also they REMIND us how REPENTANCE is a gift from God that strengthens our RELATIONSHIP with Him!

—“In salvation, God both declares us guilty and pays our debt. Only He can satisfy His own requirements. A savior less than God would be disqualified; God must do it Himself.” — **Erwin Lutzer**

—“In the place God has put us, He expects us to shine, to be living witnesses, to be a bright and shining light. While we are here our work is to shine for him.” —**D. L. Moody**

—“Until the law of God confronts us with our sin and our need of a Savior in whom we then trust, any explanation of the Ten Commandments will fall deaf upon our ears.” —**Alistair Begg**

—“Someone has said that the marks of a strong church are wet eyes, bent knees, and a broken heart. We’ll never be powerful until we let God be God and jealously guard His honor.” —**Erwin Lutzer**

—**These personal applications provide us with some valuable truths that might strengthen our faith and give us a better foundation for making good choices about how to serve and honor the Lord. Please explain your thoughts about these truths?**

—God’s Law CONFRONTS us with the REALITY that we aren’t able to satisfy God’s RIGHTEOUS REQUIREMENTS! But that’s not the END OF THE STORY ... We should always remember God’s grace, mercy & love!

—God is GRACIOUS, but He takes SIN SERIOUSLY! We should never take His GRACE for GRANTED! God has provided us with REGULAR REMINDERS (such as the 10 Commandments & the Lord’s Supper that: strengthen our RELATIONSHIP with Him, stabilize how much we RELY on Him & stir us toward REPENTANCE.

—Some people mistakenly suggest that God’s gift of justification means that God looks at us “just as if we never sinned.” But actually justification actually means that we’ve been declared to be righteous in God’s eyes. What’s the difference between the two ideas and why is it important that we’ve been declared by God (Who’s the Judge that matters most) to be righteous.

—Romans 3:19–20 explain that the Law reveals God’s RIGHTEOUS standard. It also defines why this is something we should know. — What does it tell/teach us about God’s AUTHORITY?

...—about our ACCOUNTABILITY before God?

...—about our AWARENESS of sin?

...—about our ABILITY to keep the requirements in the Law?