



Cuyahoga  
Valley Church

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 1.28.24  
Exodus 20:1-6 // Rick Duncan

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip  
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

## CONNECT (10 MIN)

- 1 Share a personal experience where understanding and applying a specific rule or guideline significantly changed your perspective or behavior.

## EXPLORE (30 MIN)

### Create Context (5 min):

[Sermon Recap Video](#)

### Study & Discussion (25 min)

- 2 Exodus 20:1-6 sets the stage for the Ten Commandments. Read these verses aloud. Discuss how God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt shapes the context and importance of these commandments.
- 3 Discuss the implication of "You shall have no other gods before Me" in Exodus 20:3. How does this command relate to our modern-day priorities and values?
- 4 In verse 4, the prohibition against idolatry is introduced. Pastor Rick mentioned that we don't often have physical idols in our homes as people might have in that time. However, we can still be tempted to be idolaters. What are some modern forms of idolatry in our lives?
- 5 Analyze the connection between God's jealousy (v.5) and His love for His people. At Brunswick, Pastor Josh shared this definition of godly jealousy, "anger directed towards a threat of someone you love".
  - How does this compare to the sinful definition of jealousy?
  - How does understanding God's character as a jealous God affect our relationship with Him?
- 6 Compare Exodus 20:1-6 with Matthew 22:37-38. How does Jesus' teaching illuminate and expand upon the first two commandments?



- 7 Explore the concept of idolatry in Romans 1:21-25. How does Paul's perspective in Romans 1 add depth to our understanding of the first two commandments?
- 8 In the sermon at Brunswick this week, Josh mentioned that “you cannot break any of the commandments 3-10 without first or also breaking 1 and 2.” One example of this is that you cannot covet without first failing to trust God to provide for you. What other examples in the commandments can you think of that speak to this statement?

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Introduction to Exodus - The Gospel Coalition: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/introduction-to-exodus/>
- The New City Catechism: <https://newcitycatechism.com/>
- Idol Worship Resource Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQ-nwdN7hQ>

## APPLY (20 MIN)

Here are some questions to help you identify your idols. Discuss the answers to some of these questions with members of your LifeGroup.

- What do you ask God for the most?
- what do you ask God for the most?
- In what area of life is your heart never at rest?
- What do you sacrifice your family for?
- What provokes your anger the quickest?
- Which sin have you stopped fighting?
- For what are you willing to spend lavishly?
- What are you willing to lie about?
- What causes you sadness when you hear about someone else's success?

Identify areas in your life where priorities may need to be realigned to reflect the first two commandments.

- Discuss practical steps to address these challenges, which could include intentional accountability, prayer, etc.
- What have you done in the past to help you successfully battle some of the idols in your life?

## PRAY (15 MINS)

Spend time praying for each other, focusing on the commitment to prioritize God above all else and to recognize and eliminate idols in life.



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# EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 1.28.24

Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

## CVC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Women's Breakfast

You are invited to join the Women's Ministry of CVC on Saturday, February 17th from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at Cuyahoga Valley Church for a Women's Breakfast! This time of fellowship will include space for discussion, teaching, and prayer. Breakfast will be provided free of charge. Please register [HERE](#) so that we can know how many breakfasts to order! And remember this breakfast is open to all women - so please invite your friends! You can register by texting the keyword "breakfast" to 440.276.5575, or by filling out the form



## CVC YOUTH

### CVC Youth - Winter Retreat

At CVC Youth's Winter Retreat, we are inviting students into a life of freedom in Christ, not out of obligation, but out of obedience. Join High School and Middle School students from all around North East Ohio as we enjoy one of our favorite weekends of the year. Winter Retreat 24, night & day will be filled with new friendships, fun memories, new adventures, and lots of laughs. You can register [HERE](#).



## SAVE - THE - DATES

CVC Young Adults Superbowl Party: February 11 at 6:30pm

Walk Worthy Men's Conference: March 2, 2024