

Day 1: Read Exodus 20:1-11 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

1. List the first four commandments recorded in today's text.
2. What do you find significant about the order of the first four commandments? Is there a central theme running throughout all four and why are they the first four commandments?
3. How can you apply in your life today any of the 1st four commandments in a practical way?

Day 2: Read Exodus 20:12 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

4. What is different about the 5th commandment as compared to the first 4?
5. Make a list of tangible ways one can honor their parents.
6. Explain why this commandment would have been important in Israel's formative years and why it's still important to any nation today.

Day 3: Read Exodus 20:13-17 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

7. List the last 5 commandments from today's verses.
8. How are all these 5 commandments worded or formatted similarly? Why is this significant?
9. Explain how these 5 commandments create harmony in a developing community.

Day 4: Read Exodus 20:18-21, Proverbs 9:10 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

10. Verse 18 says the people of Israel "trembled with fear," and verse 20 says "God has come to test you so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning." Describe in your own words what you understand it means "to fear God."
11. Explain what Proverbs 9:10 says about the fear of God.
12. When has your fear of God protected you from using bad judgment or making a wrong decision that would have led you to sin?

Day 5: Read Exodus 20:22-26 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

13. Why do you think God was so specific in His instruction for where, when, and how Israel should worship Him?

14. What are some of the specific instructions for their altars of worship?

15. Why is it important to worship God as He prescribes? In what way do New Testament believers discover how God desires to be worshipped?

Day 6: Lecture

16. What is something new you learned from the lecture on Lesson 11?