The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-21

Key Verse: 20:2

1. Read verses 1-2. Why does God identity himself as "the Lord your God?" (Ex 3:14-15; 6:6-8) Read verses 3-6. What does the 1st commandment forbid? What does this mean to have other gods before or beside God? What is idolatry?

2. Read verses 4-6. What does the second commandment forbid? Why is idolatry in all it's forms so offensive to God? What are the consequences of offending God in this way? How do we show love for God? (Jn 14:23,24)

3. Read verses 7-11. What does it mean to misuse God's name? Why does God not excuse this? What is the basis of the 4th commandment?(8-11; Ge 2:2-3) What is commanded and what is forbidden? What did Jesus teach? (Mk 2:27-28)

4. Read verses 12-17. How do we honor our parents? What does the 6th commandment forbid? (13) The 7th (14) The 8th (15), The 9th (16), and The 10th (17)? How did Jesus expand the meaning of these commands? (Mt 5:21-22; 27-28; Mt 6:19-21,24-25;1Ti 6:10)

5. Read verses 18-21. What should we learn here about the awesomeness of God and the attitude we should have when we approach him? Why should we fear God? (Prov 9:10)