

Session 3: The Mirror of the Ten Commandments

Open in Prayer

Opening Activity

Briefly share the results of the previous session's "Out of the Comfort Zone" assignment.

Food for Thought

We spoke previously about having a Garden of Gethsemane experience (surrendering your will to the Lord), and how it was in another garden (the Garden of Eden) that man said, "Not Your will, but mine be done." Just as there was a subtle serpent in that garden, so there will be a subtle serpent ever present in your Garden of Gethsemane. The father of lies has a weapon that will make you continually sweat drops of blood: it is the weapon of fear. So don't listen to his whispers. Every time you go to open your mouth for the Kingdom of God, you can be sure he will be there to say, "You can't do this." But when fear knocks on the door, send the Word of God to open it. Say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. The Lord is my helper; I will not fear."

The great key to conquering the fear of man is not to think of yourself, but to think of the person to whom you're about to speak. What is *your* worst-case scenario? It is simply "rejection." What is *his* worst-case scenario? *He* will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. We don't have a choice – we must "warn every man" (Colossians 1:28). Therefore, let compassion swallow your fears, open your mouth boldly, and speak as you ought to speak (Ephesians 6:20).

View the Video The Mirror of the Ten Commandments

Discussion

1. Do you think the current fall-away rate of 80 to 90 percent has more to do with a lack of follow-up, or with content of the message that led to the "decision"?
2. Why would an individual's understanding of his specific personal violations of God's Law help the good news of the gospel make more sense?
3. When witnessing to an unsaved person (whose sinful mind argues with God's Law), what is the place of common ground?
4. When sharing your faith, why should you try to move quickly from the area of the intellect into the area of the conscience?
5. According to Romans 3:19, what is one function of God's Law? Why is this function so important?

6. What do Romans 3:20 and Romans 7:7 say about God's Law?
7. According to 1st John 3:4, what is the biblical definition of sin?
8. Since we are saved only by grace, through faith, and not by Law, what then is the purpose of God's law for the sinner? (See Galatians 3:24)
9. How effective do you think the Moral Law was in helping the young man on the video see his need for a savior? Do you feel he was offended? Why or why not?
10. What was your reaction to the "Ten Beers and Ten Commandments" segment?

Out of the Comfort Zone Activity

1. Call two Christian friends (they can be the same people as the first week), and ask what they think is the purpose of the Ten Commandments.
2. Ask two other Christian friends to explain to you what they would say to nonbelievers about why they should become a Christian.

Write down their answers and bring them to the next session.

Close in Prayer