

▶ GLENSTONE CHAPEL ◀
Community Group Bible Study Guide

Passage: Exodus 20:4-6

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**QUESTIONS TO USE IN GROUP
OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY**

LAUNCHING ¹ [5-10 minutes]

1. "What are some things that you enjoy doing? How much time in a week do you spend watching TV, playing video games, watching/playing sports, and/or working?"

OR

2. What is your GREATEST fear? What are you scared of giving up or losing?

OBSERVATION [10 minutes]

1. Read the passage aloud. Ask someone who is often reticent to volunteer comments in group discussion to read.
2. What "jumps out" at you in these three verses?
3. What are the different things that God prohibits in this passage? What rewards and punishments does God list?
4. How does God describe Himself in this passage? What is revealed about the nature of God

INTERPRETATION [10-15 minutes]

1. Throughout the Exodus story, how has God revealed himself to the Israelites?
2. "How does the history of the Israelites matter to this passage? What kind of culture did the listeners' come out of?"

3. How do these verses relate to last week's (Exodus 20:1-3) passage?

4. What emotions does the word "jealous" stir up inside of you? What are some examples of the positive nature of jealousy? What are some negative examples of jealousy?

APPLICATION [10 minutes]

1. How do our life situations compare with the life situations of the original hearers of these words? What are the idols that we see in our culture? How do we "worship" them?
2. What kind of relationship does God want to have with us?
3. What is God demanding of us in these verses? Are we willing to do what He demands?
4. How would you expect our life to change if we put aside our idols and worshiped the LORD God only?
5. Do you find yourself convicted of anything after thinking through this passage together?

¹Choose a question to move thinking into the theme of the passage; **note**, this is not an *ice-breaker*.

