

# Preparation & Even More

Personal Bible Study for the Weekend of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013  
(To Be Available Weekend of October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

## God Instructs His People

# Monday & Tuesday

### 1. Be Loyal to God – Exodus 10:1-4, 7-8

- *What is the Egypt—the place of slavery—that God has brought you out of?*
- *What forms do “other gods” and “idols” take in your life?*
- *Why do you think idolatry was such a big deal to God?*
- *Beyond taking the Lord’s name in vain, what are ways that Christians misuse God’s name?*
- *How do you and your family typically remember the Sabbath? What sets Sunday apart from other days of the week?*
- *After reviewing the section above, evaluate yourself on each command about being loyal to God.*
  - ✓  *Have no other gods*
  - ✓  *Don’t make an idol*
  - ✓  *Don’t misuse God’s name*
  - ✓  *Keep Sabbath holy*

# Wednesday & Thursday

The following articles relate to this lesson and are contained in this packet for your reading. You do not have to read all these articles in one sitting, but intersperse them throughout the week’s study.

- *“The Law: God’s Gift to His People”*
- *“The Attraction of Idolatry”*
- *“Parents’ Roles in the Ancient World”*
- *“Covet: The Meaning”*

### 2. Be Respectful of Others – Exodus 20:12-17

- *This section of Commandments addresses being respectful of others. Which of these Commandments are you most likely to struggle with? Explain.*

- *Practically speaking, how do you honor your father and mother?*
- *What's the connection between honoring our parents and living a long life?*
- *What is the relationship between hatred and murder? Between lust and adultery? Between greed and theft?*
- *When it comes to your neighbors, who or what are you most likely to covet? What safeguards have you put in place to make sure that doesn't happen?*

## **Friday & Saturday**

### **3. Be Committed to Obedience – Exodus 24:4-8**

- *Moses' first act of obedience was to write down God's words. When have you done something similar?*
- *In your life, what are the offerings and sacrifices that you give to God?*
- *What role does Scripture play in your church worship services? What role does it play in your family worship services?*
- *In what ways does verse 8 foreshadow Jesus' death on the cross?*
- *Following God's instructions necessitated knowing them. Moses read the Commandments to the people. How diligently do you search the Bible to understand God's instructions to you?*
  - ✓  *Every now and then I do a little light reading.*
  - ✓  *I attend Bible study and preaching most weeks.*
  - ✓  *I often read a daily devotional*
  - ✓  *I search the Scripture regularly*
- *God's Spirit, God's Word, and God's people can all help you live in obedience to His commands, but only if you head down that path. Pledge your obedience to God and ask Him to help you walk in fulfillment of that pledge.*

# **Pray for Pastor Jim's Message weekend of November 3rd**