

“American Idols: Week 1”
Exodus 20:1-11
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Because of who He is, God alone deserves our exclusive, reverential devotion.

1) **BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS (v. 1-2)**

- Do you love and worship God for who He is?

2) **GOD ALONE (v.3)**

- Who or what do you run to first?

3) **DESERVES OUR EXCLUSIVE (v. 4-6)**

- Do you look for what only God can give (peace, joy, hope, meaning) in other places?

4) **REVERENT (v. 7)**

- How does your speech reflect your love and respect for God?

5) **DEVOTION (v. 8-11)**

- How much of your time and resources are dedicated to God?

ABF/Small Group Guide

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER: If you were to compete on a talent show like American Idol, what talent or gift would you perform?

READ: Exodus 20:1-11.

- 1) What divine attributes does God communicate in verses 1-2?
- 2) How is this motivation for the rest of the commandments?
- 3) What does it mean in verse 3 to have a “god” before God?
- 4) How does one give God first priority?
- 5) What graven images do people worship today?
- 6) How is God’s jealousy for His glory and for us different from our jealousy of one another?
- 7) How is the whole of verses 5-6 comforting to you?
- 8) Why might God be concerned about the way we use His name?
- 9) Why is the Sabbath rest important to God’s people?
- 10) How is rest connected to worship or idolatry?
- 11) How do you worshipfully rest?
- 12) How can the truths in this passage help you avoid idolatry?
- 13) How does this passage challenge or encourage you?
- 14) **FOR PERSONAL REFELCTION:** Has something or someone besides God taken title to your heart’s trust, preoccupation, loyalty, service, fear, and delight? What has your heart?

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Psalm 16:11, Hebrews 12:1-2