

Putting God First Discussion Questions

Exodus 20:1-3

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1. Read Matthew 6:24. Why does God need to be Lord of all in your life in order to be Lord of your life?
2. Why is it important for God not to have a beginning and ending?
3. We learned about the extent the scribes went to honor God's name. How are you honoring God's name? What do you do that shows others the importance of His name to you?
4. Why is salvation not based on how we perform? How is it based on who God is? Who is God?
5. Is God asking us to follow His rules to much of Him to ask when He gave His Son to pay for our sins? Why or why not? How do you feel about what He did for you?
6. How does our relationship with God affect our relationships with others?
7. Read Exodus 20:3. What is the meaning of "You shall have no other gods before me?"
8. Read Isaiah 44:8, 45:5-6, 18, 21-22. Why can't we have other gods if God is put first in our life?
9. What did John Calvin mean when he referred to the heart as an "idol factory?"
10. Which "god" do you struggle to keep out of God's place in your life? Power? Pleasure? Money? Sports? Play? TV? Facebook? Gaming? Etc.?
11. What do you need to do to remove this god from competing for your allegiance to God?
12. How do these false gods disappoint us and crush us?
13. We are created to worship. If we aren't worshipping God, who are we worshipping? When God is not first in our life, what in essence are we saying to God? Who are we serving?
14. Read 1 Samuel 5:6-12. What happen to the Philistines when they brought the Ark of the Covenant into the house of Dagon? What did they do to the Ark of the Covenant?
15. Which is easier for you, to try to shut God down and tune Him out or to get rid of the thing that is competing for your affection? Why?
16. Do you love or treasure anything or anyone more than God? If so, what?
17. Does anything bring you more pleasure than the things of God? Why?
18. Are you looking to anything or anyone to meet your needs instead of God? If so, who or what? Can that thing or person really meet your needs?
19. Are you seeking fulfillment or satisfaction from anything outside of God? If so, what? Does it really bring fulfillment and satisfaction?
20. Read Joshua 24:15 and 1 Kings 18:21. Who will you serve?