

The Ten Commandments and The Sermon on the Mount

Read:

Ten Commandments – Exodus and Deuteronomy

Article on Ten Commandments: <https://www.gospelproject.com/jesus-ten-commandments/>

Sermon on Mount – Matthew 5-7

Article on Sermon on Mount: https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20120710_1.htm

1. With a pen and a highlighter in your hand, read Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5 and the Ten Commandments article and work hard at understanding the Ten Commandments by providing detailed answers to the following questions:
 - a. What do you think the big ideas behind the Ten Commandments are?
 - b. What do these commandments reveal about God?
 - c. How do you think these commandments would have shaped the way that the Israelites related to one another?
 - d. Do you think they are possible to live by? Too lenient? Too harsh? Give examples of a harsh/lenient command. Provide reasons for your answer.

2. With a pen and a highlighter in your hand, read Matthew 5-7 and the Sermon on the Mount article and work hard at understanding the Sermon on the Mount by providing detailed answers to the following questions:
 - a. What similarities do you notice between Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and the Ten Commandments?
 - b. What differences do you notice?
 - c. What is the significance of these similarities and differences?
 - d. What do these commandments reveal about Jesus/God?
 - e. How do you think this teaching would have shaped the way that Jesus' followers related to one another?
 - f. Do you think they are possible to live by? Too lenient? Too harsh? Give examples of a harsh/lenient command. Provide reasons for your answer.

3. What insight does this comparison give you into:
 - a. Differences between the Old Testament/Old Covenant/Nation of Israel and the New Testament/New Covenant/Kingdom of God?
 - b. The character of God
 - c. The person of Jesus
 - d. What it should look like to live a faithful Christian life?

4. Look up Romans 8:1-4. How does what this passage teaches enhance your understanding of both the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount and what it looks like to put one's faith in Jesus?