

# GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

## CONNECT

How do you feel about rules? Love 'em or hate 'em? Why?

## LEARN & APPLY

The 10 commandments are some of the Lord's most basic rules for our lives. **Read Exodus 20:1-21.**

- The Commandments in verses 1-11 focus on our relationship with God. How would you summarize what God is asking of us in each of these commandments?
- Why might these be important for you, personally, in your relationship with God?
- What does honoring God and honoring Sabbath look like in your life?

**Exodus 20: 12-17.** Focus in on how God wants us to live in relationship with other people. Martin Luther said there were three uses for God's laws for us:

- Civil: to protect the common good, like a guardrail
- Spiritual: to show us our sin, like a mirror, and drive us to Christ
- Moral: to guide Christians to holiness, like a signpost

How might the commands of verse 12-17 function as guardrail (don't fall off in this direction) mirror (what's going on in your heart?), and signpost (which direction is better)?

## PRAY

Dear Gracious Father, we thank you that you love us and want our lives to go well. You lend us your eternal wisdom with these commandments on how to love you and love each other. Help us to hear your word and keep it!