






Small Group/ Reflection Notes

01-09-2024		Introducing 10: <i>wisdom for life</i>	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> How was your summer? What were your highlight moments?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What part do the 10 Commandments (as often called) play today in Church life? In public life/ society? In your life?		
 Read	<u>Exodus 20:1-21</u>	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.1</u> : Simple. Yet, what <i>are</i> 'all these ___'? Why are they <i>words</i> , not <i>commands</i> ? If nowhere in the Hebrew Bible are they called the 10 <i>Commandments</i> , why do we/ culture/ Bible translators still call them this? What does this do to our understanding of them? Why do so many presume they are negative rules? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.1</u> : 'What are the ' <u>all</u> '? What <i>are</i> the 10? Is it: <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Exodus 20:3-17</u> ? Catholics/Protestants/Lutherans divide the 15 verses differently to each produce a slightly different 10. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Deuteronomy 5:6-21</u> ? Slight variation in language and explanation to Ex.20 <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Exodus 34:11-26</u> ? A quite different 10 to Ex.20/Dt.5, focusing on worship, less about ethics. <u>v.27-28</u> says <i>this is the</i> 10. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Matthew 19:17-19</u> ? Jesus adds to the 10 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.2</u> : Why does God introduce himself in this way? To what extent do the 10 only make sense when we have God in our lives? Why is the 10 part of the same journey to liberation? <input type="checkbox"/> <u>v.3-17</u> : What <i>are</i> the 10? How does the 10 reflect who God is? What God does? How does Jesus turn them into 10 <i>promises</i> , not just 10 commands words? How does <i>tone</i> change their meaning? Experiment saying "You shall not" and "You shall" in different tones. How does Law say it? How does Grace say it? Moses didn't know what we know; that Jesus (not the Law) is <i>the Way, the Truth, the Life</i> . Each becomes, 'You shall not ___ <i>because I, your God, will</i> ___.' What might the promise be for each of the 10? e.g. You shall have no other gods – <i>because I the One Creator God will be so active in your life</i> .		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Compare the different lists of the 10.		
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?		

 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Invite someone to attend a <i>10: wisdom for life</i> service. These will be good opportunities to BAM – bring a mate.
 Pray	Pray for one another.
 My questions:	

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