



In Person & Zoom Community Group Lesson – September 18 & 21, 2022

## Commandment #1 - Have no other gods but God

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### Main Point

- Our God is the one true God and we shall not put any other Gods before him

### Scripture

- Exodus 20:2-3
  - “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me”

### Prayer Time

- Spend a couple of minutes in praise and prayer to God.

### Praise and Worship

- Steven Curtis Chapman – One True God  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uN9anMOoS4Q>
- Our God is an Awesome God – HubofWorship  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PP9BjKnDaFk>

### Memory Verse

- John 14:15
  - “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

### Review of Last Week

- Last week we reviewed the 10 commandments and why God gave them to us. Do you remember one or two of the 10 commandments? Do you remember how they can apply to our lives today?
- This past week, did you remember to read the memory verse? Are you able to remember parts of it?

### Lesson

- When God says we are to have no other gods, He means that we are not to have anything in our life that is more important than He is or that replaces Him.
- Nothing is more important than God.

- God asks that we He be the most important person in our lives, that nothing is more important to us than spending time with God, talking to God, praying, going to church, sharing the love of Jesus to other people.
- For some of us here we might view our school, our jobs, our volunteer time, or our time with friends and family as more important than spending time in God's word. But God wants us to remember that nothing should come before him, for he is the one true God, and he should be the person you love more than anything else.
- Let's talk about how some of these things could become other gods.
  - Work – you feel so important and busy that you don't have time for God or remember to spend time with God
  - Money – focusing on buying things or having the best things all the time rather than giving your money to the church or the things God wants you to
  - How you spend your time – God wants us to enjoy our life but when we spend more time watching TV or playing video games or really anything BEFORE or INSTEAD of spending time with God, that is when this activity could become more important than God
  - Home – sometimes we are more like Martha and we want our house to look perfect and are always cleaning it and organizing it, instead of spending time with God, or with people God has asked us to be friends with
  - Friends – we all need friends who know and love Jesus, but also those who don't know Jesus so that we can show them how much He loves them, but when we start doing things that our friends are doing that God might not want us to, like not saying kind words about others, then the friends are more important than God
  - Power – when someone uses their power to make other people feel bad about themselves or to be mean to them, then power might be becoming more important than God
  - Fame – for some people, they need to feel more important than others and will want everyone to know them and all the things that they are good at, rather than give God the glory

### **Application and Group Discussion**

- Can you think of other examples of how things in our lives might become more important than God?
- Talk at your group, with your family and/or friends about how we might be able to change that and put God first more often.

### Live it out Challenge

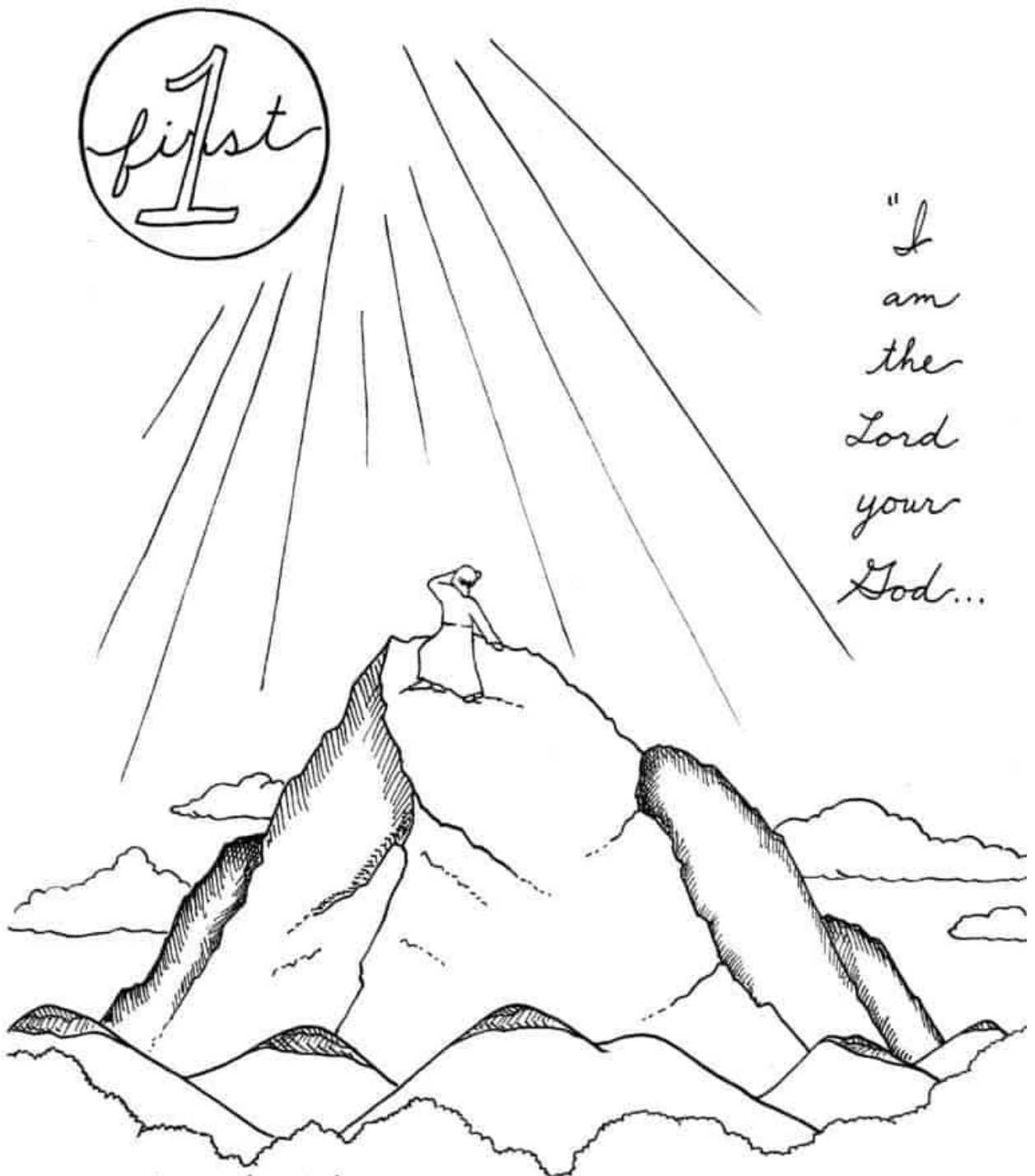
- This week, think about whether there is something or someone ahead of God in your life. On your activity sheets, write down anything that might be put before God. Talk about it at your tables. Then, talk about ways that you can protect yourself from these things and spend more time with God. What could you do next time to help remind you that God should come first?

### Activity Sheets

Unscramble the phrases below.

NO ROETH OGD \_\_\_\_\_  
NOE TREU ODG \_\_\_\_\_  
HET LODR ROU OGD \_\_\_\_\_





*"I  
am  
the  
Lord  
your  
God..."*

*...You shall have no other gods before me."*