**OBSERVATION** -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

**INTERPRETATION --** Answer these questions together:

# 1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read Exodus 20:1-2. Why does God begin by telling the people his name and his work? OR...why must hearing God's grace precede hearing God's law?

b) What do the first four commandments reveal to us about the nature of God and HOW we are to worship him? What should we do? What should we NOT do?

# 2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Verse 3. Many lesser gods vie for our attention and our worship each day. Can you identify the lesser gods you give your worship to?

b) Verse 4-6. Are there any ways that you have made God into your own image or reduced him into something you can manage?

## 3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read Romans 3:21-22 and 10:4. How has Christ freed us from the condemnation of the law? (Hint: think about both his living and his dying)

b) Jesus IS the God of Exodus 20:3. How has Jesus revealed the nature of God even more fully than the 10 Commandments did?

## APPLICATION

a) Read verses 5-6. Are there any generational sins in your family, or any sins that you can see hurting your children or grandchildren? How might repentance break these cycles?

b) How have you been observing the Sabbath principle? Do you have a regular rhythm of work and rest that allows you to worship God while trusting his provision?

## FIGHTER VERSES: Romans 13:8-10.

## PRAYER

- Honor Yahweh as the one true God.
- Confess any ways that you have allowed the worship of lesser gods to enter your heart.
- Thank Jesus for freeing us from the condemnation of the law.
- Ask God to help you to worship God for who he truly is.