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Small Group & House Church Bible Study

Commandment 2 – “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.”

Pray and ask God to speak to your group as you open the Bible together. Read Exodus 20:4-6.

1. Pastor N.T. Wright writes: “When human beings give their heartfelt allegiance to and worship that which is not God, they progressively cease to reflect the image of God. One of the primary laws of human life is that you become like what you worship; what’s more, you reflect what you worship not only to the object itself but also outward to the world around.” How does who and how we worship transform us as people? How have you seen worship be formative in your life?
2. The God of Israel was different than the gods of all the other nations because they had a God who could not be imaged by human hands, minds or emotions. This had profound effects on their worship. How does worshipping God without the use of graven images free us to embrace the fullness of who He is?
3. Consistently we as Christians are tempted to imagine God in *our* image. In the process we can project broken human qualities on God or “put God in a box.” What are some ways that we do that?
4. What are ways we can free ourselves from the images we project on God, and embrace a proper vision of who He is in life and worship?
5. Read Colossians 1:15 and Hebrews 1:3. How does Jesus Christ give us a vision of who God is? What does Jesus demonstrate about God’s character and feelings towards humanity?

Ask God together to release to Him the graven images you might be tempted to put upon Him. Pray for a fresh vision of who He is from the Word, the person of Jesus and community.