



## CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

### CG WK 13 The Whole Story Ten Ways to be Perfect Exodus 19-20

#### Read Together:

- Exodus 19:3–6; Exodus 20:1–21

#### Discussion Questions:

- What stood out to you from the reading plan from last week?

#### 1. Remembering God's Rescue

- In Exodus 19:4, God reminds Israel, *"I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself."* Why do you think God reminded them of His salvation before giving them the law?
- How does remembering God's grace before His commands change the way we view obedience today?

#### 2. The Purpose of the Law

- In your own words, what do you think the Ten Commandments are for?
- The sermon gave three images for the law:
  - A **Guardrail** (protecting us from sin and consequences)
  - A **Map** (showing the direction of life with God)
  - A **Mirror** (showing us our sin and need for grace)
  - Which of these pictures helps you most, and why?

#### 3. Our Struggle with the Law

- Read Romans 3:23 and Matthew 5:21–22, 27–28. How do these passages show that none of us can "keep the law" perfectly?
- How do you usually respond when you fall short: Do you try harder, hide it, or run to Jesus?

#### 4. Jesus and the Law

- How did Jesus fulfill the law for us? (see Matthew 5:17; Romans 6:23)
- Why is it freeing to know we are saved by grace through faith, not by keeping the rules?

#### Application

- Look in the mirror daily.** This week, take time to let Scripture reveal your heart. Where is God convicting you? Share one area with the group for prayer.
- Stay on the tracks.** Instead of trying harder when you sin, run back to the gospel. What's one practical way you can remind yourself of God's grace when you mess up this week?
- Guard your life.** Which of the Ten Commandments do you tend to minimize or excuse? How can you treat it as God's loving guardrail instead of a burden?
- Fall in love with Jesus.** How can you pursue Jesus this week in a way that grows your love for Him — not just your rule-keeping?

#### Announcements:

September 14th, will be baptism Sunday. Please let Pastor Stanley know if this is your next step with Jesus!