

MEFC Community Group Study Questions
For the week of May 3rd – 9th

Open Your Bible to Exodus 20:1-2...

1. In the sermon we learned that believers alone are able to perform good works. The presence of the Holy Spirit generates these works. With this in mind, why might understanding the Ten Commandments be beneficial to your life?

2. While the gospel is clear that we are saved by grace alone through faith in Christ alone and we in no way earn our salvation, the Bible also indicates that we will be judged by our works (Romans 2:6-8; Revelation 20:11-13). From what you've learned about the Christian faith throughout your life, does this come as a surprise to you?

3. The Bible is clear that works are unable to set one right with God. But why are they still important?

4. Everyone in our culture, believers and unbelievers alike, are familiar with the Ten Commandments. How would you introduce Jesus to someone through them?

5. Are you able to think of times from your own life when you were not living out your profession of faith? Can you also think of people who professed faith in Christ, but their works contradicted their profession? Why are both of these problematic (your own, or what you've noticed in others)? In order to prevent gossip, do not mention specific individuals.

6. Are you able to think of people in your life who demonstrate genuine faith by their works? You may name people here. :)

7. If an unbeliever says to you they are able to perform good works apart from Christ what would your response be? (If you're stuck, look at John 15:5.)

8. This question is unrelated to Sunday's sermon. You will be hearing from four different preachers over the next three months (including John Grunditz from Calvary). What does this tell you about the importance of the message over the messenger?