

Sermon Starter – God’s Covenant with People

Covenant between God and Abraham

Exodus 20:1-17

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Covenant between God and people (Exodus 20:1-17)
Guidelines for healthy relationships between God and people,
and between the people (Exodus 20:1-17)

The commandments of Exodus 20 show God’s people what a relationship between them and God should look like, as well as how to treat one another. Relational guidelines are necessary but have the potential to get in the way if we forget the purpose of those rules (for example, to help us respect one another rather than keep each other in line). Explore the concept of the letter of the law versus spirit of the law. This may be one way that we might seek God’s will rather than rigidly apply rules.

In Psalm 19, David delights in God’s law. It is not a heavy, burdensome, challenging set of rules to maintain, but a lovely, life-giving, sweet and sure word from God. How might David’s orientation toward Scripture inform your congregation’s reading of Scripture and God’s law?

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