

5. In what ways is sin as missing the mark related to violating shalom?

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**SERMON 5:** "The Way to Be God's People"

**TEXT:** Exodus 19:1-20:11; 31:18

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6. Read Plantinga's description of shalom and sin in the outline. Where has sin disrupted shalom in your life?

"The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets call shalom. We call it peace, but it means far more than mere peace of mind or a cease-fire between enemies. In the Bible, shalom means universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight — a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder as its Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights. Shalom, in other words, is the way things ought to be. God hates sin not just because it violates his law but, more substantively, because it violates shalom, because it breaks the peace, because it interferes with the way things are supposed to be." (Cornelius Plantinga Jr., Cornelius, Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin)

7. What is one significant way you could move to see shalom begin to be restored?

8. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

חָטָא / Sin

The Hebrew word for sin is an \_\_\_\_\_. It literally means to miss the mark.

שָׁלוֹם / SHALOM

The Hebrew word SHALOM literally means complete, \_\_\_\_\_—of entering into a state of \_\_\_\_\_.

תּוֹרָה / Torah

One of the Hebrew words for LAW or WAY is an archery term. It literally means to \_\_\_\_\_.

The 10 Commandments help God's people regain their \_\_\_\_\_. They are family rules, showing us the way to be \_\_\_\_\_.

The 10 Commandments are foundational to our participation in God's work of restoring of shalom, the way things should be.

Jesus distills all of the law & the prophets, the TORAH, the way of God, to \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 22: <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

#### Family Discussion Questions:

1. What is one of our families rules?
2. God showed His love for the Israelites by rescuing them and giving them the law. What evidence has God given our family of His love for us?
3. How well do our lives reflect God's love for us and for others?

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#### CHRIST CONNECTION

As the sinless Savior, Jesus is the only One who has loved God completely and honored his name in all things. Through his perfect work on the cross, he has become our Sabbath rest.

#### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. How would you define sin?
3. Read Exodus 20:1-17. What is the tone you imagine in God's voice as he speaks?
4. In your reading of the passage, what stood out to you?

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#### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who can keep God's law?