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Confronting a False Narrative

Exodus 20:1-3

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A *narrative* is a story—a version of experiences, events or explanations—you want others to hear and share.

I. Do You Know the

_____?

[1]And God spoke all these words, saying, [2]"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. [3]You shall have no other gods before Me. [4]You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. [5]You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, [6]but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments. —Exodus 20:1-6

"You shall have no other gods before Me." —Exodus 20:3

The Decalogue declares the…

- _____ of God
- _____ of God
- _____ of God

"In a society prone to self-interest and resistant to the notion of authority, the Ten Commandments are widely misunderstood or simply ignored. Monotheistic and directive, they smack of exclusivity and demand absolute obedience. Not even believers, though quick to defend the Commandments as part of our heritage, spend much time learning or teaching them to their children. Curious treatment for words given to reveal God and frame the identity of His people." —Dr. Albert Mohler

2. Are You Following the

_____?

Notes:

"Roughly speaking, every other culture always taught that the truth is something outside me, it could be family, God, dying for my country; and to be a person of honor and worth, authenticity, you had to find that truth and align your feelings with the truth. Now the understanding is, truth is inside you. You go inside to find the great depths and then you come out and you tell everybody else that you have to now accommodate me… What that means is we're the first culture not only that does not believe there's a truth out here, it's all subjective. Also, it's the first culture that doesn't just think Christians are wrong, but they are the problem… Post-Christian culture is based on liberation from Christianity… The thing we need redemption from is the idea we need redemption."
—Timothy Keller

3. What is Your

_____?

• I Have a Derived _____

[21]For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22]Claiming to be wise, they became fools, [23]and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things… [25]because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.
—Romans1:21-23, 25

"Until a man has found God, he begins at no beginning; he works to no end." —H.G. Wells

• I Have a Determined _____

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. —Colossians 3:17

• I Have a Defined _____

[1]For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery… [13]For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. [14]For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." —Galatians 5:1, 13-14

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