

# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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## Faithful Relationships

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The Sixth Commandment is a call to be faithful, loyal, reliable, honest, and committed to the integrity of our primary relationships. God models faithfulness to us and wants to help us live thriving lives in relationship with one another.

### SCRIPTURE TEXT: EXODUS 20:14 & DEUTERONOMY 5:18

Read the scripture text together as a group.

#### BACKGROUND INFO

Faithfulness is the absolute heart and soul of the sixth commandment found in Exodus 20:14 and Deuteronomy 5:18, "You shall not commit adultery." From Genesis to Revelation, the Scriptures provide a clear image of God going to great lengths to model what a faithful, loyal, trustworthy, reliable, and committed relationship looks like. And God calls us to that standard with one another specifically in the sixth commandment.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ***The metaphor that God uses to help us visualize God's faithfulness is marriage.*** Brainstorm together some key Scripture passages where God models what a faithful, loyal, trustworthy, reliable and committed relationship looks like. What do you find inspiring and/or challenging about these passages? Share about how God has been faithful to you, giving specific examples.
- ***Marriage is a remarkable and extraordinary gift of God; a way of living in an intentionally deep and purposeful relationship – intended for the joy and shared strength of those who enter it, and for the well-being of the whole human community.*** Share about an intentionally deep and purposeful relationship that you are involved in. How does it bring you joy? How does it make you stronger? How does it benefit the wider community? How do you proactively nurture this relationship?
- ***The sixth commandment is there to remind us that God is faithful, loyal, reliable, and committed to us, and even in those times when human relationships are rocked by unfaithfulness, God remains faithful and constantly calls us back to the powerful truth that God will always be faithful.*** Share about a time that you were impacted by an unfaithful relationship. Where is your heart on the continuum between broken and healing? If you have experienced healing and/or a fresh start, share about that. Pray with and for one another for continued healing and new beginnings.

**CHALLENGE:** Maintain the foundational integrity of a primary relationship by making and/or recommitting to promises of faithfulness. Be purposeful. Be intentional. Be brave and courageous. And as you do, listen for the voice of God's Spirit making promises to love you unconditionally forever.