

**Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups**  
**Week of September 15, 2019**  
**Building Love in Our Family**  
**Matthew 5:17-20; Deuteronomy 5:8-10**

**OVERVIEW**

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**ICEBREAKER**

What is the best reward you remember receiving for doing something well?

**BIBLE: Read Matthew 5:17-20**

1. What is Jesus' attitude to the Old Testament commands and teaching?
2. How does Jesus' life and death fulfill the Law? The Prophets?
3. Why is the detail of the law so important to Jesus (vv 18,19)?
4. Who in your life taught you to practice God's commands? Who taught you to break them? How does this apply for family and church?
5. Pharisees were the most religious law keepers of Jesus' day. How can our righteousness exceed theirs?

**BIBLE: Read Deuteronomy 5:8-10**

1. How is an idol described? What is an idol used for? Have you seen idols used in worship in other religions? Where?
2. How is God's jealousy consistent with His covenant love (4:3, 39)?
3. What are the consequences of idolatry? Why does God take it so seriously?

**APPLICATION**

1. What idols were in your home growing up (what was taboo to touch or change)? What is the spiritual power idols possess?
2. What idols could be in your home now? The bible draws a close connection between idolatry, greed and lust. Where do these like to hide in our homes?
3. It takes great courage, great fear of God, or great love from God to get rid of idols. Have you ever cut off an idol (Matthew 5:30)? What did you do?

**PRAY**

Pray for our eyes to see hidden idols and courage to destroy and replace them with true worship of God.

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