

Atlanta Chinese Christian Church North / English Ministries
Discussion questions for the sermon “Lessons from the Ten Commandments” on 3/13/2011

1. How would you describe a loving person? What specific characteristics would this person exhibit as expressions of his/her love for others?
2. Do you consider yourself to be a loving person? Explain your answer.
3. Compare your answer from question 2 to the characteristics given from question 1; would you now change your answer to question 2?
4. Read Exodus 20:1-2, 12-17.
 - a. Based on Exodus 20:1-2, what gives God the right to tell us how to live?
 - b. How can Exodus 20:12 (the Fifth Commandment) be an expression of love for others?
 - c. How can Exodus 20:13 (the Sixth Commandment) be an expression of love for others?
 - d. How can Exodus 20:14 (the Seventh Commandment) be an expression of love for others?
 - e. How can Exodus 20:15 (the Eighth Commandment) be an expression of love for others?
 - f. How can Exodus 20:16 (the Ninth Commandment) be an expression of love for others?
 - g. How can Exodus 20:17 (the Tenth Commandment) be an expression of love for others?
5. Which of these six commandments are the easiest for you? Which are the hardest? Why?
6. Evaluate yourself against these six commandments from Exodus 20:12-17. Does that evaluation show that you love others? Why or why not?

7. Read Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28. Jesus explained that in order to obey these commandments, it is not enough for us to have the right behaviors, we also need to have the right heart. How does this change your understanding of the Ten Commandments? Does this understanding change the result of your evaluation from question 6?
8. What can cause our love for others to grow cold?
9. What can we do to grow in our love for others?
10. Name one thing you will do this year to grow in your love for others.
11. Close this discussion with a time of prayer. Pray for each other to have genuine love for others (we do not just say we love people with our words, but we show our love for people with our lives) and to overcome those challenges that cause our love for others to grow cold.