# The Ten Commandments

# The need-to-know essentials

## The First Commandment

- Write it:
- Essential value:
- Sins against:
- Less obvious ways we violate:
- Good habits to cultivate: (see next page)

# Good habits to cultivate (1st Commandment)

# **Questions (1st Commandment)**

- What are some forms that idolatry takes these days?
- Why should Christians not participate in superstitions, fortune telling, or other "magical" activities?

#### **The Second Commandment**

- Write it:
- Essential value:
- Sins against:
- Less obvious ways we violate:
- Good habits to cultivate: (see next page)

# **Questions (2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment)**

- What does it mean to say we "speak in vain"?
- Why does Jesus tell us that swearing an oath is not necessary?
- Good habits to cultivate:
  - o being attentive to the kinds of things that I say to others
  - o knowing that I do not need to "swear" on anything, but am called to be honest in all that I say

## **The Third Commandment**



- Essential value:
- Sins against:
- Less obvious ways we violate:
- Good habits to cultivate: (see next page)

### **Good habits to cultivate (3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment)**

# **Questions (3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment)**

• Why do Christians celebrate the Sabbath on Sunday?

• What were blue laws?