



Outline for Sabbath School Teachers with ideas for group discussion inspired by the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson No. 06 **30 October – 05 November 2021**
Title: **What Great Nation has its God So Close**

Pastoral Group Objectives

This week the aim of the lesson is to lead us to reflect on the closeness of God to the Hebrew people. Despite all that the people had been able to witness, they abandoned God and gave themselves over to idolatry. The mission Israel had was to make this God and His acts of salvation and judgment known.

Let's Share the Word

Key Texts: **Deuteronomy 4:1-9, 32-35; Matthew 15:1-9; Numbers 25:1-15.**

Themes to Explore

1. The lesson concentrates on the role and extraordinary nature of the law: it is perfect, it is a teacher of wisdom and it expresses the nature and justice of God.

Suggestions for Teaching and Spiritual Objectives:

Discuss the educational and formative role of the law. Examine the negative form of many of the commandments (Do not do... do not say...) and discover the positive principles in each of them.

Possible Questions for Deeper Study, Sharing and Application:

1. What important and divine aspects have you gathered from the various commandments?
 2. Why do the 10 commandments propose principles that are universally applicable?
 3. In a time when continual degradation of nature is evident, in what way do the 10 commandments point to its protection?
 4. Read Deut 4:2. In what way can we also run into the error, that many others have, of taking away or adding to His commandments?
 5. How can we transmit the great principles of the law of God to the people of our times?
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Personal Testimony and Church Mission:

Reflect on the mission before us as believers and as a church in the light of this week's lesson.