

What Is a Sin against the First or Second Commandment?

Small-Group Process Directions

For this learning experience, you are grouped with students who researched the same sin you did. You are to work together to discuss your research and present it to the rest of the class. Follow these steps to do this:

1. Each member of the group shares the results of his or her written notes from the assignment, including the definition of the sin and an example of the sin found in today's society.
2. Decide as a group on the definition to use for this sin in a brief class presentation. From the examples you discussed, select several that best exemplify this sin.
3. Discuss how this sin—even though it is not directly named in the Ten Commandments—is a violation of the First or Second Commandment. Brainstorm about how one can guard against a temptation to follow this sin.
4. Select several individuals in your group to present summaries of your research, including an in-depth description of the sin and examples of how this sin can affect the lives of Christians today.
5. Create a response to the following questions in preparation for large-group discussion:
 - Based on the information provided in the group presentations, why are individuals tempted to sin against the first two commandments?
 - Based on our class discussions and exercises, how can one guard against a temptation to these sins?

