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Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: Evert and Linda Smith
896 Pleasant Hill Road, Bronson
Contact: Jim Wickey
(517) 369-6229

**Coldwater Group
Monday 7:00 p.m.**

Hosts: Matt and Kendra Siefken
776 Union City Road, Coldwater
Contact: Scott Carpenter
(517) 278-3376

**East Gilead Day Group
Thursday 1:00 p.m.**

Host: Sara Jane Fair
1005 S. Snow Prairie Rd., Bronson
Contact: Mary Ellen Turner
(269) 274-4757

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Location: BGCC
Contact: Brandon Carpenter
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**Bronson "A" Group
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.**

Hosts: Solano and Jennie deAraujo
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- I. God gave to Moses the 10 commandments. Read [Deuteronomy 5:1-10](#). These words, as with Matthew 12, are directed toward those God has set free. We are free to replace the lies we once held about God with truth. We are also free, but not without bitter consequences, to replace the Truth of God with Lies of the World. Deuteronomy makes it clear that truth substituted by a lie is idolatry. Idolatry is worship of a man-made god. We may not be worshiping graven images but what are some idols worshiped today? After you have given it some discussion read [Exodus 20:17](#), Now read [James 4:1-3](#).
- II. What does the world see as its Saviour? List them, then discuss them. Next, read [Acts 28:16-28](#). How could these be today's current gods: *materialism, pleasure, education, science, or technology*? Has the church seen through these lies and perceived TRUTH. Here are a few lies you might want to discuss:

- *Truth is relative. "What you believe is fine for you but not me."* Read [Proverbs 14:8-15](#). With verse 15 in mind, give thoughts to these ideas: "I just want my children to be happy and well behaved". "What I do is my own business as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else," (victim-less crime).

- Historically, natural law refers to the use of reason to analyze human nature to deduce binding rules of moral behavior from nature's or God's creation of reality and mankind. Read [Romans 1:18-32](#). Although there is much to learn in this way, we are limited by our willingness to know truth. Read [Romans 3:9-18, Psalm 14:1-14](#). Discuss verse 14.

- If the world doesn't accept God as creator it pretty much says we can determine by consensus right and wrong from nature and society. Does this sound like the Garden of Eden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Nazi Germany, highly educated populist, concluded that as biology evolution was true, social Darwinism is true. Creating a super human race was evolution taking to the next logical step in human governance. When a void is created by removing God from the Social Consciousness what will fill it? How is a Christian to live? Read [Matthew 22:34-40](#). When your all is given to these two commands there is no vacuum to fill.



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