Why does God give these two commandments?

1. We were ______________________ to worship ______________________.
   Exodus 20:3

2. We have an injured appetite: for the ______________________ vs. the ______________________.
   Exodus 20:4-5; Psalm 19:1-2; Revelation 19:9-10; Romans 1:18-25

3. God is a ______________________ God.
   Exodus 20:5; 34:14; Deut. 4:24; 5:9; 32:21

4. God + ______________________ = ______________________ for God.
   Exodus 20:3,5-6; Luke 4:5-8; 16:13

5. Others ______________________ what you ______________________.
   Exodus 20:5-6; 2 Kings 15:8-9
Read Numbers 25:1-15

1. In v.1-3, God’s people disobey in more than one way. Read Exodus 34:11-16. Why was this so serious? (Notes: The Baal of Peor was a popular fertility god. Moab and Midian were pagan nations.)

2. What was the “fierce anger” of God in v.4?

3. In v.6, a man from Israel commits a terrible sin before the people. Was the timing of his action significant? What was unique about this man that could have affected others?

4. In v.11, jealousy is mentioned often. Read Galatians 5:19-21. Here, jealousy does not seem to be a good thing. Write your best explanation for how jealousy can be wrong in Galatians yet right in Numbers.

5. In v.13, how did Phinehas make “atonement” for the people of Israel? What is required to “atone” for the sins of another?

6. Read Exodus 20:1-6. It appears that the way we worship affects others. What is the significance of the number of generations mentioned?

7. Write your best definition of “worship”.

8. Rate yourself: How well do you keep the first and second commandments?

Not very well (1)..........................................................Sort of (5).................................................................That's me (10)