



10 Commandments Part 7: No Stealing

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Exodus 20:15

Community Group Questions

ICE-BREAKER: Share a story about one of your kids (or you as a kid) stealing something. What happened?

1. Exodus 20:15 states, “You shall not steal”. What is God teaching the Israelites about the nature of personal property and ownership through this commandment?
 - a. Why is this important in a new emerging nation?
 - b. Why is this important to you?
2. What is the most expensive item that has been stolen from you? How did it make you feel?
3. Here is a list of OT Scriptures forbidding different kinds of stealing. Read each scripture and answer these questions.
 - a. What might have been stolen?
 - b. What would be modern examples of these?
 - c. What might restitution look like today?
 - *Trafficking (Ex 21:6, Deut 24:7)*
 - *Fraud (Proverbs 10:2)*
 - *Extortion (Psalm 62:10)*
 - *Dishonesty in weights or measures (Leviticus 19:35-36)*
 - *Giving loans (“usury” in the Bible) at interest (Exodus 22:25)*
4. What are common ways people steal in America? Describe the cultural consequences if stealing were not punished legally.
5. Read Ephesians 4:28. What is the antidote to a heart that wants to steal? Why?
6. What is one thing God is asking you to start doing, stop doing, or keep doing?
7. How did God use this message to teach, train, challenge, convict, or encourage you?

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