

Group Discipleship Lesson

8th Commandment A Whole Lot of Stealing Goin' On Exodus 20:15

Let's Get Started

1. Have you ever had something of special value or significance stolen from you? How did it impact you? What was your initial response?



Let's Go Deeper

2. According to **Matthew 15:19**, where does stealing originate? _____.
3. Read **Acts 5:1-4**. How did Ananias and Sapphira steal even though it was their own money? This story affirms the fact that stealing is an act of the _____.
4. According to **Ephesians 4:28**, what is one way to combat the temptation to steal?
5. Read **Luke 6:30**. In your own words, what is Jesus teaching us in this passage?

Does this sound like "radical" thinking in our ears?

What are we, as followers of Jesus, supposed to make of a command that tells us, "...from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back?"

6. According to **Leviticus 19:13** and **Deuteronomy 24:14-15**, we see that God despises injustice regarding wages owed to poor people. How would you apply the teaching in these texts in the context of paying undocumented workers a lower wage in order to save money, whether in business or personal affairs?
7. Stealing and robbing is not limited to money and possessions. What type of stealing is referenced in **Deuteronomy 24:7**? Today, we call this “Human _____.”
8. What reoccurring theme do you discover when you read the following scriptures?
_____.

Genesis 1:1

Genesis 14:19

Hebrews 3:4

1 Corinthians 10:26

Psalms 50:10-12

Let's Live It Out Together

9. According to **Acts 17:24-25**, God’s generosity is off the charts. Amen? Read **2 Corinthians 9:15**. What is the “inexpressible gift” Paul is referring to?
10. As you close this week’s Life Group gathering, take time for each person to share one example of how the Lord has been generous to them recently.

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.” -John 13:35