



Going Deeper

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2. This Sunday, the message focus was: "Stealing vs Generosity." What **thoughts** or **questions** did the message raise for you? Which ones, in light of the needs and concerns that arise in this "coronavirus world," encouraged you or posed a challenge to you?

3. Read Exodus 20:15. This Commandment – "You shall not steal" – appears very straightforward at first reading but, as Jon, explained, it involves, not only the legally-defined act of **stealing**, but is also a matter of a **selfish and self-serving heart**. What do you think about that? How is stealing the opposite of generosity? What are some ways in which we can "steal" from others?

4. Many scriptures (i.e. **Deuteronomy 15:7-8; Matthew 6:1, 19-21; Ephesians 4:28; 1 John 3:16-18**; etc.) instruct and persuade us to be generous. Why do you think this so important to the Lord? What does this characteristic reveal about our heart? our relationship with Him? our relationship with others?

5. Jesus and the scriptures give many examples of what it looks like to be generous rather than self-serving in our everyday lives (of course Jesus, Himself, willingly suffered, emptied Himself of His glory, and died on the cross for **our and everyone's** redemption). What are some ways in which we can **sacrificially give of ourselves** (individually and/or collectively as a group) for the sake of others?

6. Take a moment of silence to consider how God is speaking to you through the message you have heard today. Is God asking you to make changes or to do something new? What concrete steps of response do you want to take? How can your group support you in these steps?



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