

Read Exodus 20:15 and Matthew 5:13-16

What stood out or challenged you from Pat's sermon or these verses?

As you reflect on the first 8 commandments we have walked through, what has been your response? How would you define stealing? Why do we often view it as not a big deal?

Have some brought conviction? Has that conviction turned to receiving grace and forgiveness from Christ? Or turned to shame and self-loathing?

What are some areas you are tempted to steal in? (*Ex from Pat: cheating on a test or homework, using someone else's streaming info, taking false deductions on taxes, faking a sick day, taking home office supplies for personal use, illegally streaming sports, etc.*)

Everything is God's, and therefore everything we have is simply a gift from God.

What things do you try to cling to tightly and act as if they are yours, not God's?

What are things that you do not want to share with others? (*Acting as if those things are yours and not God's to share.*)

Pat mentioned common excuses we can use to justify stealing. They were entitlement, need, addiction, impressing others, and convenience. **Which of those 5 do you most commonly use to justify stealing?**

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