



# Outward Group Discussion Guide

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## SUMMARY

This sermon explores the tenth commandment against coveting, examining how modern culture—particularly through social media—has built an entire system designed to create covetous desires. Pastor Matt Porter explains that coveting goes beyond simply wanting what others have; it represents a deep discontentment with what God has provided and ultimately places something other than God at the center of our lives. The sermon reveals that coveting is rooted in the fall of humanity, beginning with Eve's desire to be like God. True contentment comes not from accumulating possessions, relationships, or achievements, but from treasuring Christ above all things. The pastor challenges listeners to recognize that their lives do not consist in the abundance of their possessions but in their relationship with Jesus, who gave everything for them on the cross.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the concept of coveting as described in the Tenth Commandment reveal deeper heart issues beyond simply wanting material possessions?
2. In what ways has social media specifically designed to trigger covetousness and social comparison affected your own sense of contentment and self-worth?
3. Pastor Matt suggests that Eve's sin in the Garden was rooted in coveting God's position and authority. How does this same desire to be like God manifest in our modern lives when we covet?
4. What is the difference between having an abundance of possessions and finding your life's meaning in those possessions, as Jesus warns against in Luke 12:15?
5. How can we practically cultivate contentment with what God has given us while still pursuing legitimate goals and improvements in our lives?
6. The sermon connects coveting to anxiety, discontentment, and the belief that God owes us

more. Where in your life do you struggle most with feeling that God hasn't given you enough?

7. Why does Jesus place coveting on the same level as sexual immorality, theft, and murder when listing what defiles a person from within?
8. How does treasuring Christ above all else, as described in Matthew 6:19-21, practically break the power of coveting in our daily decisions and desires?
9. In what ways might the American Dream itself be rooted in coveting, and how should Christians navigate cultural expectations of success and upward mobility?
10. Paul says in Philippians 4 that he learned the secret of contentment in all circumstances through Christ who strengthens him. What practical steps can we take to learn this same secret in our own lives?