



Do Not Covet

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.” -Exodus 20:17

Take some time to look up and read: Colossians 3:5.

1. We covet when we “desire too much” and our desires become idolatry. “Desire” and “covet” is the same word in both Hebrew and Greek; to covet is to “desire too much.”
 - What does it mean to “put to death” what is earthly in you? How does a person do this?

Take some time to look up and read: 1 Timothy 6:6-10.

2. Coveting kills... Contentment thrills! Coveting goes beyond simply admiring someone else’s possessions. It includes envy – resenting the fact that others have what you don’t. God knows, however, that possessions never make anyone happy for long. Since only God can supply all our needs, true contentment is found only in him. When we begin to covet, it might be because a more basic need is leading us to envy.
 - What unmet basic need might cause someone to covet? What are healthy ways to deal with an unmet need?
 - How can a person keep away from the love of money?

Take some time to look up and read: Hebrews 13:5-6

3. In Christ, we can be content with what we [don’t] have. We become content when we realize God’s sufficiency for our needs.
 - How has God shown his faithfulness, “never leaving or forsaking you”? How have you experienced this truth?

Take some time to look up and read: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

4. The key is to let our discontentment drive us to Christ. God does not intend for us to seek to be weak, passive, or ineffective – life provides enough hindrances and setbacks without us creating them.
 - When have troubles (weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, or difficulties) helped you to experience Christ’s power?

Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

5. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****