

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Discussion Questions 5/10/23

Commandment #10 - Do Not Envy

Intro: What is the center of your affections? God calls us not to envy because he knows that what our hearts want our hands will take. It was an act of taking that brought all of creation crashing into our current sinful state because Adam and Eve took from a tree they should not have. God knows that if he has our hearts then our propensity for wrong plummets.

Story: To covet is to allow any chance at joy to be stolen from you. Coveting is the antithesis of contentment. Can you think of a season where God helped you to feel a special level of contentment?

Read: Exodus 20:17

1. How does envy prevent us from experiencing true joy and fulfillment in life?
2. Read James 3:1-6. James says that it's *our* desires that lead to *our* harmful actions. How can we change the things we want?
3. What are some practical steps we can take to avoid comparing ourselves to others and feeling envious of their success or possessions?
4. Read Luke 12:13-21. Jesus tells a parable of a man who created bigger storehouses for two reasons. He built them so that he could stop working and so he could still enjoy abundance. Jesus notes that his life would be taken from him because he chose not to be rich toward God. The prophet Malachi said that a lack of tithing is actually stealing from God. How does generosity combat envy?
5. How can we learn to celebrate the successes and blessings of others without feeling envy or resentment?

Pray for:

- Contentment.
- Energy to celebrate the success of others.
- Hearts to be turned to God rather than things.