



“The 10th Commandment”
Small Group Questions
Week of January 3, 2021

Icebreaker:

Reflect on a time when you have cast an envious eye at something belonging to another. Maybe it's the fancy new car that a neighbor drives home one day. Maybe it's the promotion a colleague receives that you felt you deserved. It could be any number of things big or small. What led to those thoughts? What did you do to get past them?

Discussion Questions:

1. Read the passage at Matthew 6:25-34. What does this passage teach regarding God's providence toward us and our contentment with it?

How does this passage aid us in avoiding covetousness?

2. In the passages at Colossians 3 and Ephesians 5 referred to during the sermon, Paul groups covetousness with other sinful behaviors involving impurity and immorality. What is it about covetousness that would cause it to be included among these other behaviors?

3. In the sermon, the story of David and Bathsheba was cited as a dramatic example of the consequences of covetousness, but there are many others. Consider,

- Achan: Joshua 7:10-26
- Gehazi: 2 Kings 5:15-27

Why did these two men meet with such severe consequences?

Can you think of other examples in the Bible involving covetous behavior and its consequences?

4. Is it possible, or even realistic, to think we can follow Paul's example of being content in whatever situation? (Philippians 4:11.)

If so, how do we accomplish this?

What are some of the ways in which you achieve a sense of contentment?