



In Person & Zoom Community Group Lesson – November 20 & 23, 2022

Commandment #10 - Do not covet and Review of 10 Commandments

Main Point

- You must not want something that someone else has or be jealous about it

Scripture

- “Do not want to have anything your neighbor owns.” Exodus 20:17

Prayer Time

- Spend a couple of minutes in praise and prayer to God.

Praise and Worship

- Battle Belongs – Phil Wickham
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=johqSkNj3-A>

Memory Verse

- 1 John 5:3
 - “In fact, here is what it means to love God. We love Him by obeying His commands. And His commands are not hard to obey.”

Review of Last Week

- Last week we learned that God doesn't like it when we don't speak truth; it hurts God when we lie.
- Did you spend some time this past week, talking to God about times when you may have said something untrue? Regardless of the reason, it is still lying but God will always forgive us and help us not to do it again.

Coveting and Jealousy

- Today we are going to talk about the last commandment, which tells us not to covet.
- What does covet mean? It means that you must not want something that someone else has or be jealous about it.
- The tenth commandment deals with the need to be satisfied with what we have. There's nothing wrong with ambition or really wanting to do something. It motivates us and is good to help others. However, it can quickly move to coveting or jealousy. It's when we really want something that belongs to someone else. And that can also wanting something more than we want to

have Jesus as our friend. It can lead us to stealing it or hurting someone for it, making yourself sick because you want things so bad, or ending a friendship because we want something so badly.

- Let's take a few minutes in our groups and write down one or two things you REALLY want to have or want to do.
- For me, I really want to go on a vacation. I look on Facebook and see everyone posting their sunny vacations. People I talk to are going to fun and amazing places. I have to stay at home right now.
- Thinking of this example or maybe one that you wrote down, how do you decide if what you want has become coveting?
- Is what we want, something that we want so badly that it is distracting us from more important things? Are we jealous of what others have to the point where we get annoyed or angry with them?
- I don't get angry but I sometimes wish that the people on their warm vacations would have a bad time. Do you think that is coveting?
- Is what we want, is that our main focus? Are we giving more love and attention to that other thing that to God? It doesn't have to be wanting to go on a vacation; it could be wanting to be in a relationship; it could be wanting a toy or possession that someone else has; it could be the activities that consume our time; it could be a lot of things.
- What are some physical signs of human jealousy? Things like a bad attitude, saying mean words, doing whatever it takes to get that object that we want. Can you think of others?
- When we start having those feelings of anger, jealousy, or having a bad attitude about something that someone else has that you don't have, you may be coveting what they have.
- This is one of the 10 commandments and it is a sin to break this commandment, just like all the others. But just like every other commandment, God is ready to forgive us – all we have to do is ask!

Review of the 10 Commandments

- The Ten Commandments are familiar to most people. Sometimes, people believe they are going to heaven just because they have not broken any of the commandments. But the truth is, we all have. Using the name of God in the wrong way, desiring to have what someone else has, making fun of parents in front of friends, and lying are all breaking one of the commandments. Unfortunately, we all have broken at least one. Everyone has failed one time or another. However, what makes us Christians is placing our faith in Jesus. Through Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Because He died on the cross for us, we have everlasting life with God.

- We are going to go through each commandment and think back over the past few weeks, and talk about what it might look like to break each commandment, and what we need to do to make it right with Jesus, after we have broken the commandment.
- We are going to talk about this at our tables; each table is going to take one or two commandments and do a presentation to the whole group.
 - Have no other gods but God.
 - Do not worship statues.
 - Be careful with God's name.
 - Keep the Sabbath day special.
 - Honor your father and mother.
 - Do not harm others.
 - Keep your promises.
 - Do not steal.
 - Do not lie.
 - Do not covet.

Live it out Challenge

- What is the one commandment you are going to try to work on this next week? Tell someone around you and write it down on your activity sheet.

Activity

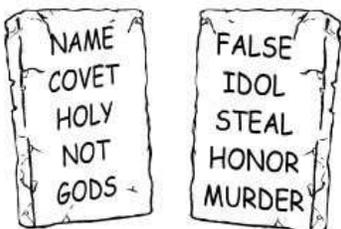
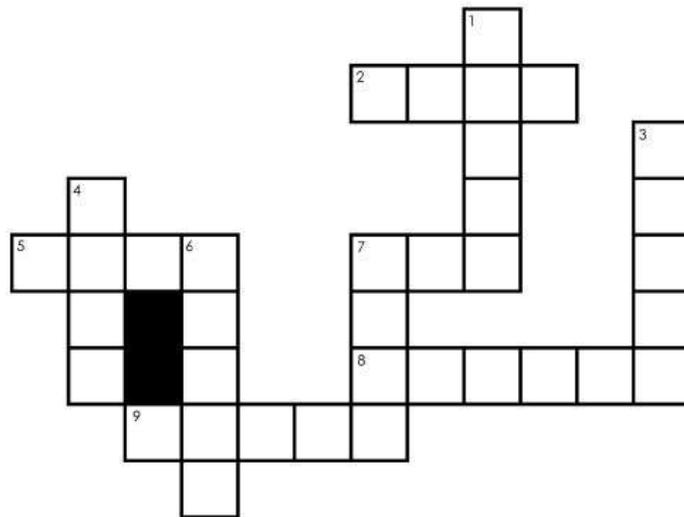
— The 10 Commandments Crossword Puzzle —

ACROSS

- You shall not make for yourself an _____.
(a false god)
- You shall have no other _____ before me.
- You shall _____ commit adultery.
- You shall not _____. (kill)
- You shall not give _____ testimony against your neighbor. (untrue)

DOWN

- You shall not _____. (to want something that belongs to someone else)
- _____ your father and your mother.
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it _____.
- You shall not _____. (to take what doesn't belong to you)
- You shall not misuse the _____ of the Lord your God.





You shall not covet your neighbor's house... or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

