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Exodus 20:15

### **SERMON SUMMARY**

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not steal.”

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#### **Don't Steal**

1. Never steal **people** – Exodus 21:16
  - a. Ex. slavery
2. Never partner with a **thief** – Proverbs 29:24
3. Never fake the **weight** – Proverbs 20:10
  - a. Ex. taxes
4. Never move the **fence** – Deuteronomy 19:14
  - a. Ex. property
5. Never steal by **borrowing** – Exodus 22:14
  - a. Return what you borrow. If you can't return it whole, pay for it
6. Never rob **God** – Malachi 3:8
  - a. We rob God by withholding tithes

**How?** – Ephesians 4:22-28

1. Put off your **old life**
2. Renew your **mind**
3. Put on the **new self**

#### **Now What?**

1. Don't **steal**
2. Do honest **work**
3. **Share**

## DISCUSSION

### Reminders for small group leaders:

- We want everyone to interact with God's Word. Please have Bibles available for students who don't have one. We have a limited amount of Bibles available at church, so remind your people to bring theirs if they have one. **Be sure to open up your Bibles together during small group!**
  - Set aside a time to **pray** for each other during every POD. Try not to rush through this time as it's good to have people pray for each other.
  - Regularly **recap** how your POD is doing with your co-leaders. Are you meeting your goals? How can you help your people grow in relationship with God and with each other? Is there anyone in your POD who needs encouragement, prayer, or a meeting with one of you this week?
  - The teaching happened on Sunday at church. **The purpose of small groups is to ask two questions:** 1) *What is God saying to me in His Word?*, 2) *What is He asking me to do in response?*
  - Your role is to help everyone answer these two questions so that God can do His work of transforming hearts and lives.
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### RECAP with your co-leader/REFLECT by yourself

- *What stood out to you/encouraged you/challenged you, etc from the message?*
- *What is the learning point and/or action point you want the people in your small group to leave with?*
- *How would you summarize the sermon in one or two sentences?*

### QUESTIONS

Choose (if any) questions that would be good for your group to discuss, or make up your own!

### Getting to know you

- What things is our society comfortable stealing (taking what's not ours)?
  - *Music, movies, plagiarism, people (slavery)*
  - *Businesses charging interest*
  - *People selling things for more than it's worth*
  - *Cheating on taxes*
  - *Etc*

### Into the Bible/Application

- *From the Heidelberg Catechism:  
Q 110. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?*

*A. God forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes all scheming and swindling in order to get our neighbor's goods for ourselves, whether by force or means that appear legitimate, such as inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition God forbids all greed<sup>4</sup> and pointless squandering of his gifts.*

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- Is there anything in this description of the eighth commandment you didn't think of before?
- Who is at the center of all these things mentioned above? *Ourselves, our selfishness*
  
- So, how does this commandment inform the way we treat others? From the passages we'll see, the heart of this command is to be generous towards others. This is because Jesus has been so generous to us by giving us His life; we should also be generous towards others in response.
  
- From the Heidelberg Catechism:  
Q 111. What does God require of you in this commandment?  
  
*A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.*
  
- **Read Ephesians 4:28 and 1 Timothy 6:17-19.** This commandment is not only to encourage us not to take things, but also to be generous in helping others. What are we to do with our earthly possessions according to these verses?
  
- **Read Malachi 3:1-12.** How does this passage say we steal from God? *We rob Him by not giving our tithes to the local church (first 10% first fruits).*
  - **Read Luke 16:13 and Matthew 6:19-21.** How does giving our tithes serve God instead of ourselves or money? *We're storing up treasure in heaven by investing in things that will last forever – giving to the church so we can continue sharing the gospel and souls will be destined for eternity.*
  - "Jesus is never against the human impulse for treasure. He's against the fool who thinks that earthly treasure really satisfies or lasts." -Kevin DeYoung, *The 10 Commandments*
  
- **Read Luke 12:13-21.**
  - How is greed a violation of this commandment? How does greed affect our personal relationships?
  - Greed can look like spending money all the time or saving money all the time. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
    - *Isn't saving money only for yourself or your family hoarding what you could instead give generously to others?*
  
- Think about the things, money, talents, time, etc that you have.
  - Is it easy or difficult for you to be generous in giving those things to help others?
  - Is it easy or difficult or you to be generous in giving those things back to God?
  - Why do you think that is?
  
- **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15** (read this in the NLT version for extra comprehension) **and Titus 3:3-7.** What are some motivations for being generous towards others?
  - *Jesus was generous towards us*
  - *God gives to us so that we can love our neighbor and help others*

### PRAY

Thank God for the things He has given you. Thank Jesus for His generosity towards you in giving you life.

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Ask God to help you see the things that you have as belonging to God, not to you. Ask for this mindset so that you're willing to be generous towards others and towards Him.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal ways that you may not be obeying this commandment.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### *College students*

See you at **Epic on Thursday night** at 7:30pm at MU13!

Want to take a bigger role in Epic next year? On Monday, March 4 you'll be able to sign up to be an **Epic leader** at [osuepic.com](http://osuepic.com)! We're looking for POD leaders/assistants and people to be on Outreach Team, Freshmen Team, Creative Team, and Homeless Ministry. Have any questions about the roles? Ask your POD leader.

Baptisms are happening next Sunday in both services!

### *Youth*

**The Corvallis Retreat** for middle and high school students is happening April 5-7. Cost is \$25. To sign up, visit [grantavebc.org](http://grantavebc.org). Invite your friends! There will be friends, food, competitions, and prizes!

The youth will be doing a **Homeless Outreach** on March 16 from 7:45-10:30am with Epic's Homeless Ministry. Meet at the church at 7:45am to pass out breakfast bags to the homeless in Corvallis.

### *All church*

**Stone Soup**, an opportunity to serve people in Corvallis with a warm meal, is happening on Tuesday, March 5 at First Christian Church. If you're interested in helping with cooking or serving, contact Sharon Forrer.

**Sign up for the Peru Mountains mission trip**, happening April 20-28. If you are interested or have questions, contact Doug Boddy at 541-223-3484 or visit [grantavebc.org/missions](http://grantavebc.org/missions).

**Baptism Sunday** is next Sunday, March 10. If you are interested in being baptized or have questions, contact Pastor Bryan or Pastor Don or write it on your communication card on Sunday.

**Vacation Bible School** is happening July 8-12! If you want to volunteer to help with teaching, crafts, snacks, music, or anything else, contact Carrie Bernard at [carrie@grantavebc.org](mailto:carrie@grantavebc.org).